

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of all power, you are the One who called this world into being and we acknowledge that you have no equal in the extent of your power. Yet, you want to share your power -your strength -with those who are powerless; you ache to heal the brokenhearted and to bind up the wounds of the lost and rejected folk of this world.

C: Such radical love leaves us speechless, but you gave it human form and shape in the person of Jesus, in whom your promises of healing and empowerment were fulfilled. We give you thanks and praise for blessing our lives in this way, and we pray that in Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can love of the powerless, and be passionate bearers of hope to those whose lives are filled with despair and hopelessness. May this time of worship be a true expression of our desire to praise and glorify you, O God, for the many ways in which you bless us, and may our lives reveal our gratitude in all we think, and do, and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

OPENING SONG "Holy Is The Lord"

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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The earth is filled with His glory.
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And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**Jackson Harrison**

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.
 Make us agents of your healing and wholeness,
 that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen**A TIME FOR CHILDREN****SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Seek the Lord”
 Zion Adult Choir**

John Carter**FIRST LESSON****Isaiah 40:28–31**

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul’s ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

ALLELUIA**“The Lord Almighty Reigns”**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

SONG OF THE DAY

“On Eagle’s Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under God’s wings your refuge
With faithfulness your shield.

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”

For to the angels God’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Indescribable”

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings.

All exclaiming:
Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Who has told ev’ry lighting bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom.
Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable;
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Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,
You are amazing God.
Incomp'able, unchangeable.
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.
You are amazing God.
You are amazing God.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives in response to the many blessings you have bestowed on our lives. You graciously bless our lives with the Holy Spirit who enables us to experience and proclaim the good news of the living Christ. Help us to be bold and faithful witnesses to the gospel this day and every day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you; O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you; O my soul rejoice.
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“The Power Of Your Love”

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You.
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds
In my life, in living everyday in the power of Your love.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks, for refreshing and renewing us in this meal with the life of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened by his life - the food of eternal life - we go from here to be eager bearers of his word and willing followers of his way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

BLESSING

Go into this week,
uplifted by the love of God
nourished with the life of Jesus Christ
inspired by the enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING SONG "Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings, like eagles.

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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

Preaching\Presiding: Pastor Marcia Sylvester
Worship Assistant: Hugh Dahme
Deacons: Jeff Carlson
Curt Suedmeier
Lector: Kathy Brumbaugh
Acolyte: Wade Wagemann
Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Trudy Anderson
Fran Schnabel
Coffee Hosts: Zion Men's Group
Sound System: Mike Brumbaugh
Power Point: Karen Dahme
Counters: John\Becky Desens
Marcie Anderson
Mary Jane Kabrud
Van Driver: Lance Vilhauer
Ushers: Harold Hoffman
Praise Band: Vicki Carlson, Scott Geffre, Stacy Geffre,
Russ Hadden, Stephanie Hawkinson Alan
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Jensen, Colin Neuharth