

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship

Organ Led . . . . . 8:00 a.m.

Worship Band . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

## Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2020

**WE ARE DELIGHTED AND BLESSED** to have you worship with us today!

**ALL WORSHIPERS** are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin.

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to *pray* and read the *Scriptures lessons* for the day.

## ❖SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP❖

### Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil Foe may have no power over me. Amen!**

## ***Everlasting God***

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,

We will wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord. (Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever

Our hope, Our strong deliverer

### *Chorus*

*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.*

(Repeat with Double Chorus)

## **Holy Scripture**

*Matthew 11:12-19*

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup>“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

<sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

## **Children’s Message**

*Children please remain standing to better see what is happening up front.*

## **Our Sin and God’s Forgiveness**

(We give all our sins and failures to God. He forgives us fully and freely through Jesus Christ.)

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1  
John 1:8-9*

## **Goodness Of God**

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*Chorus            And all my life You have been faithful  
                         And all my life You have been so, so good  
                         With every breath that I am able  
                         Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire  
And in darkest nights, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God

## *Chorus*

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

## *Double Chorus*

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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## ***Nicene Creed***

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Sermon**

*[Pastor's sermon is available for listening later this week at [ZionLutheranNH.org](http://ZionLutheranNH.org) under Sermon Audio]*

## **Bringing Our Offerings**

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

Please send a representative from your family up with your completed yellow information sheet and any offerings as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.

*(You can also click on the Online Giving button at [ZionLutheranNH.org](http://ZionLutheranNH.org) to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes.)*

## **Prayers of the People**

**L** With confidence that the Father has justified us by grace through faith in Jesus' name, we turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs.

O Almighty God, You have shown Your faithfulness by raising up those in every generation who call Your Church to repentance and renewal.

**C** **Embolden us to declare the truth of Your Word and to proclaim the Faith in purity and truth against all who would oppose it, that they would have freedom through the forgiveness of their sins. Bless the missionaries serving far and near and the new congregations they establish in Your name.**

**L** Gracious God and Father, Your own Son sets His table among us and gives His own flesh and blood for us to feast with You on everlasting life.

- C** Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may commune with duly repentant faith. Bring us at last to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and we will be one people before the altar of the Lord. Until that day, preserve us with Your life-giving gifts.
- L** Holy and gracious God, You reveal Your power also in showing mercy to those in need.
- C** Give to the sick healing, to the troubled relief, to the grieving comfort, and to the dying peace. Hear us especially on behalf of Emily, Dan, Zace, Stephanie, Robert, Edith, Janice, Layla, Jeff, and those we name in our hearts before You.
- L** Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation.
- C** Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to love You with all our heart, mind, body and soul. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer*** *(Spoken by all)*

**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.**

***The Words of Our Lord***

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## ***Holy Communion with Zion Lutheran Church***

*By participating in Holy Communion...*

*... we acknowledge that we have sinned.*

*... we trust that Jesus is giving His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.*

*... we resolve to turn away from our sin.*

*... you are uniting yourself under the teaching and discipline of the church with which you are communing.*

*Perhaps you are not yet sure about what Zion and our sister churches stand for, or perhaps you have not yet received baptism. Still, we are truly glad to be with you today, and you are invited to fold your hands over your chest to indicate that you are receiving a blessing instead, but please talk with our pastor or with one of our elders after worship so that indeed we may receive this precious gift from Jesus together soon.*

*The clear cups in the center of the trays indeed contain a drop of wine that is then diluted with grape juice. Alternatively, anyone who needs to abstain entirely from alcohol may receive only the Body of Christ at this time.*

## ***Above All***

Above all powers, above all kings. Above all nature and all created things;

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man.

You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones.

Above all wonders the world has ever known;

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,

There's no way to measure what You're worth.

*Chorus            Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
                      You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
                      Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
                      You took the fall, and thought of me  
                      Above all.*

*(Repeat Verse and Double Chorus)*

*Above all.*

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## ***Love is Here***

Come to the water, you who thirst and you'll thirst no more.  
Come to the Father, you who work, and you'll work no more.  
All you who labor in vain  
and to the broken and shamed;

### *Chorus*

*Love is here. Love is now. Love is pouring from his hands, from his brow  
Love is near, it satisfies. Streams of mercy flowing from his side.  
'cause love is here.*

Come to the treasure, you who search and you'll search no more.  
Come to the lover you who want and you'll want no more,  
All you who labor in vain.  
And to the broken and shamed;

### *Chorus*

and to the bruised and fallen  
captive, bound and broken hearted.  
He is the Lord  
He is the Lord  
by his stripes he's paid all ransom  
from his wounds we drink salvation  
He is the Lord  
He is the Lord

### *Chorus*

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## ***The Lord's Blessing***

### ***Trading My Sorrows***

#### *Chorus*

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord*

We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord Yes, yes, Lord

yes, Lord yes, Lord Yes, yes, Lord  
yes, Lord yes, Lord Yes, yes, Lord, Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed Persecuted, not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed I'm blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure That His joy's gonna be my strength  
Though sorrow may last for the night Joy comes with the morning

*Chorus*

La La La - La La La - La La La - La La  
La La La - La La La - La La La - La La  
La La La - La La La - La La La - La La - Amen

*Chorus*

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