



ZION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, WORSHIP, AND EDUCATION.

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today. Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

THE EVERGREEN THREAD— A meditation on today's lectionary and appointed psalm (121) from an evangelistic perspective. "Go." God said, "Go." So Abram went in faith, with praise and prayer. As did God's people in today's appointed psalm. This is a good model for us to follow. God's call to Abram in today's first reading is fundamentally the same as His call to every one of His followers over the last 2,000 years: Go where I send you and share my promise with the world. This promise is the Good News summarized in the last two verses of today's Gospel reading.... The expanded meditation can be found in the "Weekly News and Updates" email.

PRELUDE

8:00 A.M.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE I ✠

LSB 151

The Service portions that vary from week to week (Propers) are printed below.

**The Service itself including the Responses may be found
in Lutheran Service Book (LSB), beginning on page 151**

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

(stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

INVOCATION

EXORTATION AND VERSICLES

CONFESSON

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 152

KYRIE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

To The Everlasting Hills

Peter Cornelius

To the everlasting hills I lift my eyes,
 For I know, the One who made them hears my cries.
 When despondent or afraid,
 Where else can I turn for aid?
 Who is more able to help me,
 Who is more willing to help me?

Would the Lord who made us ever let us fall;
 Won't the Lord who chose us answer when we call?
 Guide by day and guard by night,
 Superhuman care and might:
 More than a sufferer aches for,
 More than a sinner could ask for.

Go and come in peace, no evil shall come near,
God will stand between you and the things you fear
Cling to this eternal friend,
With you always, without end:
Trust such a Keeper to love you,
Trust such a Keeper to save you.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . . For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** (*stand*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up*

Aaron David Miller

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* See Page 8th of service folder.

HOMILY

APOSTLES CREED (*stand*) LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (*sit*) *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord* LSB 955

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 160-166

(stand)

PREFACE

SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS <i>(sit)</i>	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread</i>	LSB 625
	<i>Come Let Us Eat</i>	LSB 626

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE	<i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	LSB 165
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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>	LSB 918
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POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/ Homilist	Rev. James Ebersole
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Choir	Zion Adult Choir (8:00 am)
Lectors	Olivia Reisdorf (8 :00 am), Clara Toman (10:30 am)
Ushers	Board of Elders
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Caleb Jeffcoat

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

MARTIN SCHALLING, 1532-1608

Tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1829-78, alt.

Herzlich lieb

B. SCHMID, *Orgeltabulature-Buch*, 1577

Choir: 1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
 Cong.: 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and all I have
 Choir: 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, To A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,

With ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no pleas-ure I would share,
 In this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that I in ev-'ry place
 That I may die un-fear-ing; And in its nar-row cham-ber keep

Yea, heav'n it-self were void and bare If thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 May glo-ri-fy thy lav-ish grace And serve and help my neigh-bor.
 My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep Un-til thy re-ap-pear-ing. (Interlude)

And should my heart for sor-row break, My trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
 Let no false doc-trine me be-guile, Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 Cong.: And then from death a-wak-en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por-tion I have sought; Thy pre-cious blood my soul has bought.
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross and fol-low thee.
 O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my fount of grace.

Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 Lord Je-sus Christ, My prayer at-tend, my prayer at-tend,

For-sake me not! I trust thy Word.
 In death thy com-fort still af-ford.
 And I will praise thee with-out end!

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10 :30 A.M.

✠ MATINS ✠

LSB 219

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OPENING VERSICLES

GLORIA PATRI

PSALMODY

LSB 219

INVITATORY

VENITE

LSB 220

PSALM

To The Everlasting Hills

Peter Cornelius

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For I know, the One who made them hears my cries.
When despondent or afraid,
Where else can I turn for aid?
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Would the Lord who made us ever let us fall;
Won't the Lord who chose us answer when we call?
Guide by day and guard by night,
Superhuman care and might:
More than a sufferer aches for,
More than a sinner could ask for.

Go and come in peace, no evil shall come near,
God will stand between you and the things you fear
Cling to this eternal friend,
With you always, without end:
Trust such a Keeper to love you,
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READINGS
LSB 221

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

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HOLY GOSPEL (*We remain seated for the Gospel in Matins.*)

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RESPONSORY FOR LENT

LSB 222

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

HOMILY

CANTICLE LSB 223

TE DEUM (*stand*)

OFFERING (*sit*)

PRAYER LSB 227

KYRIE (*stand*)

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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- C** **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

COLLECT FOR GRACE

- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, David John Benjamin, Millie Gomoll, Helen Gronholz, Virginia Hood, Carolyn McDaniel, Ruth Miller, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Lenora Smith, June Tesauo, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, Ken & Shirley Wethe, Bobby Young,

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Lance & Karen Lashley, Larry Wagner, Jack Harris, Karrell Johnson, Troy Haugen, Ekanem Ekanem, Sherry Knippa, Leonard Bueber, Ruth Moncrief, Sharon Lehmann, Simone Rossi, Mary Gray, *Cheryl's mother*; Everlee, *Renee Gisler's grandniece*; Annette; Tyler, *friend of the Locketts*; Teesha Jones, *niece of William Matthews*; Maddie, *neighbor of Karen Matthews*; Elsie Allmon, Laura Pappas, Doris Rotermund, Rev. Byron Williams.

THOSE WHO MOURN

Juanita + Fischer joined the church triumphant on February 9th. Her Memorial service will be on Friday, March 6th, 1 pm at Zion.

David + Formet's Memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, at 1 pm. Reception to follow.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE! Lis + Bennett's Memorial Service has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 11th, at 3 pm.

Nicholas + Rae died on 2/19; his Memorial service was held 2/28 at Zion.