

THE PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER: *We offer our petitions to the Lord and join in the prayer our Lord taught us.*

HYMN.....“*For Me to Live Is Jesus*”

**For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
Then, whensoe'er He pleases,
I meet death willingly.**

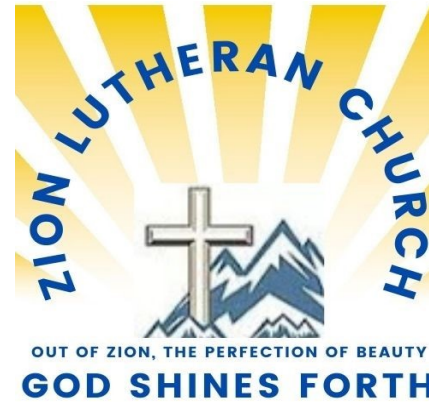
**For Christ, my Lord and Brother,
I live this world so dim,
But gladly seek that other
Where I shall be with Him.**

**Amen! O Christ, my Savior,
Please grant this unto me:
Your Spirit lead me ever
To life eternally. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION:

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Cong: Amen.



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The Order of Worship

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN.....“*Built on the Rock the Church Does Stand*”

**Built on the Rock the Church does stand
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation;
He through Baptismal grace us owns,
Raised to His wondrous salvation.
If but just two His word to speak,
Yet He would claim us, e'en though weak,
With all His grace and His favor. Amen.**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION:

P: All of you are dearly loved by the Lord. His will is that we turn from our sin and live. So let us draw near to Him with a true heart and confess our sins unto Him, imploring His forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: Who made heave and earth.

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.”

Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.**

THE SERMON: Matthew 9:18-26

(ESV) While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." (19) And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. (20) And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, (21) for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." (22) Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. (23) And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, (24) he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. (25) But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. (26) And the report of this went through all that district.

The Gospel Robs Death of Its Mystery

ened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (13) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN.....“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. So we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your forgiving grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake forgive all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe in His name He gives the right to be called children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Cong: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Glory be to God the Father,

Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit:

Great Jehovah, Three in One!

Glory, glory,

While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us,

Washed us from each spot and stain;

Glory be to Him who bo't us,

Made us kings with Him to reign!

Glory, glory,

To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,

Glory to the Church's King,

**Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory,
To the King of Glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see, to You be honor and eternal majesty. We give thanks to You that You have made Yourself known in sending Your Son into human flesh that He might redeem us by His blood. Cause us, through the Spirit's work to keep our hearts and eyes focused on heaven, where Christ is, seated at Your right hand, so that when He comes as judge of all mankind, we might be found waiting for that salvation that is to be found only in Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 51:7-16

(ESV) "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. (8) For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations." (9) Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? (10) Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed

to pass over? (11) And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (12) "I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, (13) and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor? (14) He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking. (15) I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar-- the LORD of hosts is his name. (16) And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, "You are my people."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 1:3-14

(ESV) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, (4) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, (5) because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, (6) which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing--as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, (7) just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf (8) and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. (9) And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, (10) so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (11) May you be strength-