

To those who fall, how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

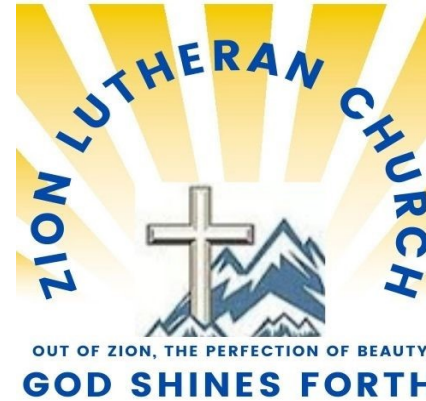
Jesus, our only Joy be Thou,
As Thou our Prize wilt be!
Jesus, be Thou our Glory now
And through eternity! Amen.

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.

SILENT PRAYER



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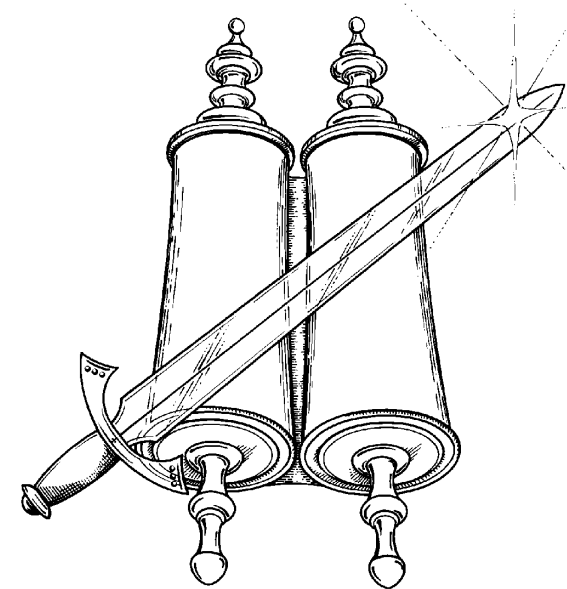
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*For the word of God
is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword ...
discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12

The Order of Worship

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

HYMN: #3.....“*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*”

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.**

**Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know Thy name aright:**

**Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!"
And in the light of that blest place
Fore'er behold Thee fact to face.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity! 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: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

**Cong: If we walk in the light as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from
all sin.**

servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." (7) And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." (8) But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. (9) For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." (10) When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

True Humility

THE OFFERING: *We offer our livelihood to the Lord in response to His grace.*

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

HYMN: #350.....“*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*”

**Jesus, the very tho't of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.**

**Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind!**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek!**

**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: #297.....“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

**The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.**

**It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made th'atoning sacrifice,
And call the souls with guilt opprest
To come and find eternal rest.**

**It brings the Savior's righteousness
Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings. Amen.**

THE SERMON: Matthew 8:5-10
(ESV) When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, (6) "Lord, my

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Cong: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Then let us confess our sins to God in prayer and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Cong: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature and have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray, of Your bountiful mercy, be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in every need. In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and is willing to give more than we desire or deserve, be abundantly merciful toward us, forgiving us our many sins that afflict our consciences and providing us with those good things which we are not worthy to ask except for the sake of that righteousness that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-14

(ESV) Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. (2) Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. (3) She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." (4) So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." (5) And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. (6) And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." (7) And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." (8) But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." (9) So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. (10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." (11) But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. (12) Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. (13) But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is

a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" (14) So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 1:8-17

(ESV) First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. (9) For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you (10) always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. (11) For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you-- (12) that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (13) I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. (14) I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. (15) So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.**