

15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST
RALLY SUNDAY
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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Rally Sunday! What does Rally Sunday mean anyway? We Rally to inspire, to ignite, to get people ready to go out into the world carrying a message Christ.

Today, we celebrate the start of the 2020-21 activity year here at Zion Lutheran Church. So, we rally around the Gospel. We rally around the children. We rally around each other. We rally around food, fun and fellowship. Around ministry to our families and those in our circle of relationships and influence. Around worship and reflection. Around stewardship and service. We rally around people who are grieving. We rally around people who are sick, out of work, homeless, hungry and on the edge.

Each week we rally around the Word of God and Holy Communion. We listen together as the lessons are read. We listen together as sermons are preached, as songs are sung and anthems soar. We rally around the love that God has for each of us and the lengths to which He will go to seek us out, to save us, to make a place for us, to celebrate with us! Let's Rally Together to be a presence of Christ in the world today!

OPENING PRAISE SONG: "God so Loved" Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Ending

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. So let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Here ends the Reading.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:39-40

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRESENTATION OF 3rd and 8th GRADE BIBLES

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Rescuer" Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Bridge

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(Repeat Bridge)

End Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!