

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**OUTDOOR DEVOTIONAL WORSHIP**  
Sunday, September 13, 2020

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**PRAYER**

**P** O God, You reveal Your power by showing mercy and love. Grant us  
Your grace to receive what You have promised and to forgive as we have been  
forgiven through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN #686** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1** Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.
  
- 2** Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.**

## **MESSAGE**

### **THE PRAYERS**

**P** Almighty God, we find it hard to forgive those who hurt us by their sin.

**C** **Teach us to forgive others as You have forgiven us.**

**P** Lord Jesus, it is by the blood You shed on the cross that our sins have been forgiven.

**C** **Remind us of the importance You place on forgiveness and the power of love.**

**P** We pray for those who are ill and for those who mourn, (especially...) If it is Your will, bless them with healing, comfort, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our families, especially our children and teachers, that they may be safe during these challenging times.

**C** **Fill our homes with Your presence and peace.**

P Grant wisdom to those who seek solutions to the problems we face.  
C **Restore to us the joy of fellowship and being close to those we love.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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 BENEDICTION**

P The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.  
C **Amen.**

### **HYMN #816 From All that Dwell Below the Skies**

**1 From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**