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Worship 10:00am

12th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 27, 2017

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Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00am (Sept – May)

Divine Service 10:00am

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Pre-Service Devotion: Ephesians 2:1-5

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 784 (tan supplement): *Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me*

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of 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, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the 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.

C: Amen.

The Introit

*Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.*

P: God is in His holy habitation;
C: He is God who sets the solitary in families.

P: The God of Israel is He that gives strength;
C: And power unto His people.

P: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;
C: Let those who hate Him flee before Him.

The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The Kyrie

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis:

"Glory to God in the Highest"



C All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has the world be -



friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at



last is end - ed! The Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, bring



peace, good will, to all the earth; Oh, thank Him for his good - ness!

The Salutation

(Greeting)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



The Collect for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray. In your mercy forgive that sins that make our consciences tremble and give us the blessings we do not deserve, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

The Gradual

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: My heart trusts in God, and I am helped;

C: Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices and I will praise Him with my song!

P: Unto You will I cry, O Lord, my Rock;

C: Hear the voice of my supplications. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place;

C: In all generations! Hallelujah!



Pastor: The Gospel Reading comes from Matthew 16:13-20



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.



The Apostle's Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

**C: 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 of the Day 325 (red hymnal):

O Thou that Hear'st When Sinners Cry

The Sermon: *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

God's Renewing Gospel Transforms You

- I. Form a lifeless corpse into a living sacrifice
- II. From a prideful sinner into a gifted member of Christ's body

The Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church

Hymn 755 (tan supplement): *What Is This Bread*

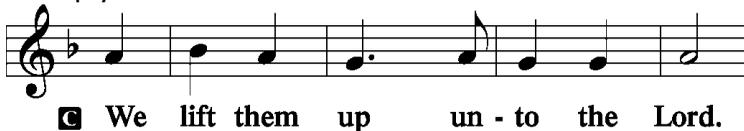
The Preface to Holy Communion

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



Pastor: Lift up your hearts.



Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - es in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

The Angus Dei

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



☐ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You tak-e a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



Tak-e a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You tak-e a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

- **1 Corinthians 1:10** *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*
- **1 Corinthians 11:26-30** *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*

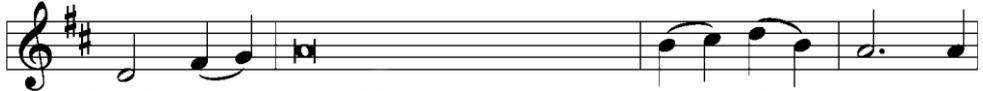
Three Good Questions to Ask Yourself Beforehand

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Christ for forgiveness?
3. Am I willing, after receiving forgiveness, to amend my sinful life?

Martin Luther: "He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'"

The Nunc Dimittis

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Your word, for mine eyes have seen Your salvation,



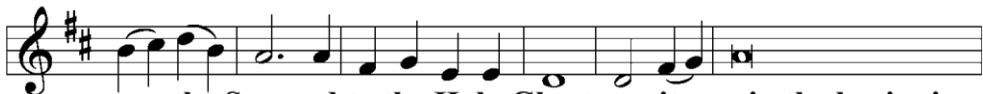
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Your



people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

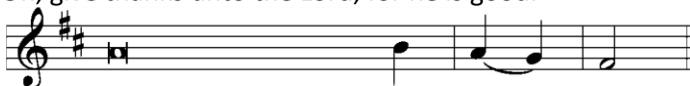


to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.



and His mercy endures for - ev - er.

The Post-Communion Collect

The closing thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn 400 (red hymnal):

Take My Life and Let It Be

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome Everyone! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

Important Dates at Mt. Zion

Thu. 9/7 Outreach Committee Meeting

Sun. 9/10 9am – Regular Bible Class resumes

11am – Ladies Aid Meeting (tentatively scheduled)

Tue. 9/12 – Thu. 9/14 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI

Sun. 10/15 11am – Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Fri. 10/27 7pm – Reformation Seminar @ Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights, MI

Reformation Seminar: In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Mt. Zion is proud to be hosting a CLC-sponsored Reformation Seminar on Friday October 27, 2017 at 7pm at the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights, MI. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck, Pastor Caleb Schaller, and Pastor Tom Naumann will be presenting. Please plan to attend this faith-strengthening event! Tell your friends and family! It would be wonderful to have as many guests and visitors as possible and share with them the message of the Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone! More info coming soon!

CLC Call News: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, to serve as co-pastor; The Rev. John Schierenbeck (em.) has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to serve as part-time interim pastor; Eric Libby has returned the call to teach 11/12 Religion at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN for the fall semester of 2017; the congregation has now called the Rev. Douglas Libby to the same position, and he has accepted. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has issued a 1-year interim call to several local, part-time teachers in order to staff its classroom for grades 3-4. The ladies who have accepted this call are Barbara Gurgel, Lynette Roehl, Kelly Beekman, and Valerie Hammett, who had returned the full-time call.

