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Worship 10:00am

13th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 3, 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: 1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

Today’s Order of Service: Worship Supplement p.12-21

Today’s Hymns

16 (red hymnal) – *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

378 (red hymnal) – *All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt*

297 (red hymnal) – *The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace*

396 (red hymnal) – *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink*

The Old Testament Reading: *Ruth 1:1-19a*

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there

about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 111*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

Congregation: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the LORD,

C: Studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C: And his righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C: The LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He has shown his people the power of his works,

C: In giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

C: All those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 2:1-7*

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

The Sermon: *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Your Faith in Jesus' Cleansing Work

1. Simple faith that trusts His Word
2. Saving faith that praises God

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.'"

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

10am – Divine Worship with Baptism of Ezekiel Wittorp

11am – Ladies Aid Meeting

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

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

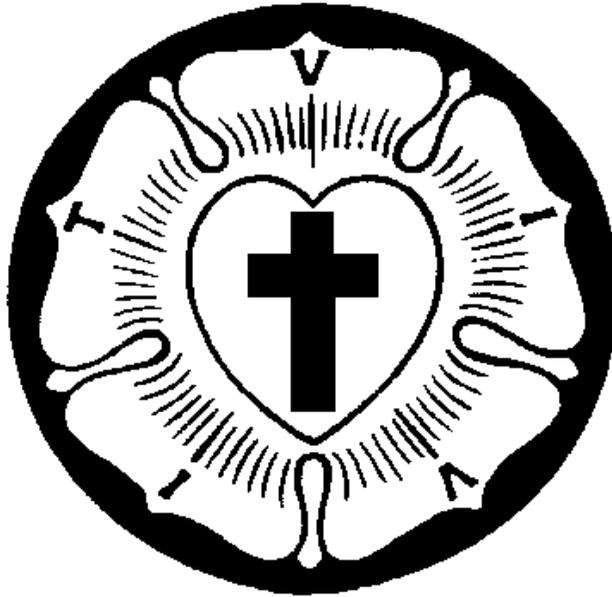
Fri. 10/27 7pm – Reformation Seminar @ Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights, MI

Birth and Baptism: A Blessing from the LORD! Ezekiel Martin Scott Wittorp was born on August 31, 2017 to Randy and Danielle Wittorp. Everyone is healthy and well. Ezekiel's rebirth in the Spirit through the sacrament of Holy Baptism is planned for next Sunday.

Bible Class will be resuming next Sunday (9/10) at 9am. In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we will be starting a 6-part study of Pastor Bruce Naumann's booklet "Foundations of Our Faith: Does it really matter that I belong to a confessional Lutheran church?" If you would like to get a head start, there are free copies of the booklet available in the back of church.

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!

CLC Call News: St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL. <> The Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.



LUTHER'S SEAL

Luther's seal tells the story of what Martin Luther believed and confessed. He explained it in this way...

"The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross; black to put me in mind that Christ crucified saves us. 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.' Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, it does not change the color of the heart, does not destroy nature - that is does not kill, but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith' - by faith in the Savior. The heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation, and peace...This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored field to denote that such joy of faith...is but an earnest and beginning of Heavenly joy to come...And around the field is a golden ring, to signify that such joy in heaven is endless..."

