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Pentecost  
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# Mount Zion Lutheran Church

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

**Divine Service 10:00am**

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**Pre-Service Devotion: Matthew 16:25-26**

**For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?**

## **Today's Worship!**

**Greeting and Prayer**

**Hymn 738 (tan supplement): Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sins**

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

**P** We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen!**

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C Amen!**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O - Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - mighty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the following lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## The Prayer for the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, help us resist the temptations of the devil, the world and our flesh. When tempted to do wrong, create in us a clean heart that desires to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7***

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

### **The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:33-46***

"Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Apostle's Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☐** 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 416 (red hymnal):** *Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

**The Sermon:** *Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **God Guides the Christian's Course**

- I. Lose the flesh
- II. Gain Christ
- III. Press on

## 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. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 447 (red hymnal): *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

### 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 – Lord’s Prayer

### The Benediction

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

- P** 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.
- C** Amen!

## Hymn 466 (red hymnal): *Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

## **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**

**Sun. 10/15** 9am – Bible Class

10am – Divine Worship Service

11am – Quarterly Voter's Meeting

**Sun. 10/22** 4pm – Worship Service in Cleveland

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

**Fri. 11/3** 7pm – Fellowship Bonfire at Mt. Zion

**Church Workday:** Thank you to everyone who helped at the church work day yesterday! We got a lot of projects done! It was wonderful to have so many helping hands working to beautify and improve God's house. *Ecclesiastes 3:13 It is a gift from God to be able to eat and drink and experience the good that comes from every kind of hard work.*

**Bible Class:** We are continuing our 6-part study of the booklet "Foundations of Our Faith: Does it really matter that I belong to a confessional Lutheran church?" Please join us!

**Reformation Seminar:** In celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> 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. In the back of church, you can find posters, invitations, and prayer sheets available for members to distribute. Please pray for our planning and preparation, and continue to encourage and invite your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors!

**Fellowship Bonfire:** Mt. Zion's Outreach Committee is planning a fellowship bonfire on November 3, 2017 at 7pm at Mt. Zion's parking lot. Campfire songs will be sung, hot cocoa will be sipped, and smores will be devoured! It would be a wonderful, low-commitment way to introduce friends and neighbors to our church. And a nice way for Mt. Zion to gain some visibility in the Madison Heights area. Please plan to attend!

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