



# MT. ZION

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent



### Pre-Service Personal Prayer:

*Merciful God and Father, we give You heartfelt thanks that through Your Word You have graciously preserved this congregation these past years, and we humbly ask You to continue to guard and direct us by Your Holy Spirit in the way of truth, that we may at last obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 175 (red hymnal):** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

#### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- 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!

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

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

- 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.

## 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 - might - y 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 Prayer for the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, you see that we have no strength in ourselves. Protect us from the evil that surrounds us, and from the temptations to sin that arise from within us. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16***

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,<sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,<sup>4</sup> "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.<sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

## **The Epistle Reading: *Romans 5:1-11***

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die--<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**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.**

**The Baptism of Dalton and Emery Griffin**

**Hymn 750 (tan supplement):** *See This Wonder in the Making*

## The Sermon: *Mark 8:31-38*

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### Jesus Inspires Humble Boldness in His Followers

I. Humbly bold to trust in His suffering and death

II. Humbly bold to follow after Him

III. Humbly bold to boast of Him and His Word

### 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 346 (red hymnal): *Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be*

### 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 – The 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.

**G** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 423:1,6 (red hymnal): *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

### 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!

**Baptism Today:** Dalton Liam Griffin, born May 3, 2015 and Emery Belle Griffin, born May 1, 2017 to Zach and Alissa Griffin, are born again today of water and the Word. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives Dalton and Emery the gift of saving faith in the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, thereby washing them of their sins and making them dear children of the heavenly Father, members of the Holy Christian Church, and heirs of eternal life. God is good!

**Midweek Lent Services:** Lent is a time of repentance and reflection on the sufferings and death our Savior went through to earn the forgiveness of sins for us. This year Mt. Zion is holding 6 midweek services every Wednesday at 7pm during the Lenten season. Midweek services are a great way to spend some extra time focusing on the love of Christ, who sacrificed himself to take away our sins. Hope you can join us!

**Church Sign Fund:** If you would like to donate to the new sign fund, please designate your special offering as “Sign Fund.” It’s important that people should know who we are, where we are, and what we are about. A new outdoor church sign will help us to accomplish these goals. If you have

any questions or suggestions, please speak with our Trustees, Ben Mueller and Steven Fobear. *Nehemiah 2:20 "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build."*

**CLC Youth Camp** registration is coming up! You will be able to register online (the website will be up in the next month) on March 25 at 3:00pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates. Stay warm!

**Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir** will be visiting Lower Michigan this spring. Unfortunately, the choir is not able to come to Detroit. However, they will be singing at our sister CLC congregation, Gethsemane in Saginaw. The Saginaw concert is scheduled for 7:00pm on Sunday, March 11. Guests and visitors are encouraged to attend!

**CLC Call News:** The Rev. Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to serve as pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. <> Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, has called Mr. Neil Bernthal, principal of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, as principal and teacher for grades 3-5. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4, Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher. <> St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to be principal and teacher at its school. <> Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has called member Heidi Nelson to the position of lower grade teacher.

**Serving Today**

Organist: Zaiga Hauserman <> February Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Attendance February 18: Worship 13; Bible Class 8 <> 2<sup>nd</sup> Midweek Lent 10

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1692.31	Other Offerings:	
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$1748.50		
Needed for Year to Date:	\$5923.08	Sign Fund Goal:	\$700
Received for Year to Date:	\$7422.50	Sign Fund Received:	\$251

**Important Dates at Mt. Zion**

- Today** 11am Brief Voters Meeting followed by LIFT Meeting
- Wed. 2/28** 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Naumann preaching)
- Thu. 3/1** 8pm Outreach Committee Meeting
- Sun. 3/4** 9am Bible Class
- 10am Worship Service with Communion
- 4pm Cleveland Worship Service
- Wed. 3/7** 7pm 4<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent Service (Emeritus Schaller preaching)
- Sun. 3/11** 10am Lay Service (Pastor Naumann in Eau Claire, WI)

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