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Break forth,
O mountains,
into singing!

ISAIAH 49:13, ESV



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4th Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Redeemer, let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Yours, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we always by faith see You as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes. Hear us, for the sake of Your love. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 38:1-3 (red hymnal): *The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

**1. The Lord, My God be praised,
My Light, My Life from heaven.
My Maker, who to me
Hath soul and body given;
My Father, who doth shield
And keep me day by day,
Doth make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.**

**2. The Lord, My God be praised,
My Trust, My Life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given;
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood,
Who giveth me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.**

**3. The Lord, My God be praised,
My Hope, My Life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me hath given.
'Tis He revives my heart,
'Tis He that gives me pow'r,
Help comfort and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

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

P 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 admitting that we are sinful and 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. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Epistle Reading: *2 Peter 1:2-11*

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 119:9-16*

P How can a young man keep his way pure?

C By guarding it according to your word.

P With my whole heart I seek you;

C Let me not wander from your commandments!

P I have stored up your word in my heart,

C That I might not sin against you.

P Blessed are you, O LORD;

C Teach me your statutes!

P With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

C In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

P I will meditate on your precepts

C And fix my eyes on your ways.

P I will delight in your statutes;

C I will not forget your word.

The Reading from the Passion History of Christ: *Lesson 4B*

Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said, "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death." This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "It is as you say," Jesus replied. The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!" But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed. Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." "You are a king then?" Pilate asked. Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." "What is truth?" Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, "I find no basis for a charge against him." But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here." When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

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



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 143:1-5 (red hymnal): *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken
*That such sharp sentence
 should on Thee be spoken?
 Of what great crime hast Thou
 to make confession,
 -- What dark transgression?*

2. They crown Thy head with thorns,
*they smite, they scourge Thee;
 With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
 They give Thee gall to drink,
 they still decry Thee;
 They crucify Thee.*

3. Whence come these sorrows,
*whence this mortal anguish?
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe,
 Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.*

4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
*The Shepherd dies for sheep
 that loved to wander;
 The Master pays the debt His servants
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.*

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
*The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
 Man forfeited his life and is acquitted,
 -- God is committed.*

The Sermon: *Isaiah 49:7-13*

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." ⁸ Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, ⁹ saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; ¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. ¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. ¹² Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." ¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

I. The Suffering Servant comes as the LORD's Covenant (7-8)

II. The saved sinners come at the LORD's call (9-13)

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 149 (red hymnal): *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

**1. Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.**

**3. Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.**

**2. Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**4. He that drinks shall live forever;
Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.**

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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

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

℟ 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.

☩ Amen!

Closing Hymn 532 (red hymnal): *Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord*

**1. Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be.
Lead me by Thine own hand;
Choose Thou the path for me.
I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might.
Choose Thou for me, my God;
So shall I walk aright.**

**2. Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine, the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom, and my All. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS: Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through internet live stream Sundays at 10am.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS: Even during this time, Pastor Naumann is still available to bring God's Word and Private Communion to you individually, as long as you are comfortable with him entering your home. Depending on how long the coronavirus prevention efforts continue, he may be contacting you to ask if you would like such a visit. He would be sure to practice good sanitizing and social distancing habits before, during, and after the visit. If you would like him to visit you, please don't hesitate to call.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES have been cancelled. Pastor Naumann will be emailing devotional midweek Lent materials every Wednesday. Check your email inbox!

YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION: The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways:

- Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion".
- You may mail your contribution: 26689 Northeastern Hwy, Madison Heights, MI 48071
- You may drop off your contribution at church, in Pastor's church mailbox.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to serve as high school math and science teacher at Immanuel, Mankato, MN beginning the 2020-2021 year. Pastor Mark Weis, St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee of Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, filling the vacancy due to the retirement of Prof. Paul Sullivan.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance March 15, 2020: Worship = 20; Bible Class = 19

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$781.16
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3512.00		
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$14,384.62		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$16,601.09		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Fri. 3/27	7pm-9pm	Home Bible Study CANCELLED
Sun. 3/29	9am	Bible Class CANCELLED
	10am	Worship Service Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
Sun. 4/5	11am	2 nd Quarter Voters Meeting (Lord willing)
Fri. 4/10	7pm	Good Friday Service (Lord willing)
Sun. 4/12	9am	NO Bible Class
	10am	Easter Brunch (Lord willing)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service (Lord willing)

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Zaiga Hauserman fell and fractured bones in her left hand a month ago. She is healing well. **Sharon Vincent** underwent a successful liver procedure last month. She is recovering well but continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery. **Jackie McGruder** remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs.