

April 19, 2020



“Do you
LOVE
me?” ...

“Feed my
SHEEP.”

John 21:17



MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church
Madison Heights, MI

Pastor Tom Naumann
(248) 677-7242

mtzionlutheran.info



1st Sunday after Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *We pray to You, merciful God in heaven, give us faith, the true and living faith, which trusts in You and in Your Son Jesus, the Risen Christ, that we might have life through Him; then shall our souls be fortified with peace and courage in life and in death. Hear us for the sake of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 188 (red hymn!): *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

1. Halleluiah! Jesus Lives!

He is now the Living One;

From the gloomy house of death

Forth the Conqueror has gone,

Bright Forerunner to the skies

Of His people, yet to rise.

3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?

Why that sad and frequent sigh?

He who died our Brother here

Lives our Brother still on high,

Lives forever to bestow

Blessings on His Church below.

5. Jesus lives! To Him my heart

Draws with ever new delight.

Earthly vanities, depart,

Hinder not my heavenward flight.

Let this spirit ever rise

To its magnet in the skies.

2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;

Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.

Praise Him in a nobler song,

Cherubim of heavenly birth.

Praise the Victor-King, whose sway

Sin and death and hell obey.

4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,

Life eternal waits for thee;

Joined to Him, thy living Head,

Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;

With Himself, at His right hand,

Victor over death shalt stand.

6. Hallelujah, angels, sing!

Join us in our hymn of praise,

Let your chorus swell the strain

Which our feebler voices raise:

Glory to our God above

And on earth His peace and love!

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

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

God, We Praise You! *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")*

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

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 Old Testament Reading: *Job 19:25-27*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 89:13-18*

- P** You have a mighty arm;
- C** Strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
- C** Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- P** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
- C** Who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- P** Who exult in your name all the day
- C** And in your righteousness are exalted.
- P** For you are the glory of their strength;
- C** By your favor our horn is exalted.
- P** For our shield belongs to the LORD,
- C** Our king to the Holy One of Israel.



The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 1:17-2:3*

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of

imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation-- ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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.*

- 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 206:1-5 (red hymnal): *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

**1. *Jesus Christ, my sure Defense
And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.***

**3. *Nay, too closely am I bound
Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.***

**2. *Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?***

**4. *I am flesh and must return
Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.***

**5. *Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.***

The Sermon: *John 21:15-19*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Tremendous Lifting Power of Jesus' Love

- I. It lifts us up in forgiveness even when we haven't loved Him.
- II. It lifts us from serving ourselves to serving our Savior.

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 735 (tan supplement): *Long Before the World Is Waking*

1. *Long before the world is waking,
Morning mist on Galilee,
From the shore, as dawn is breaking,
Jesus calls across the sea;
Hails the boat of weary men,
Bids them cast their net again.*
2. *So they cast, and all their heaving
Cannot haul their catch aboard;
John in wonder turns, perceiving,
Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"
Peter waits for nothing more,
Plunges in to swim ashore.*
3. *Charcoal embers brightly burning,
Bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning
In his risen life arrayed;
As of old his friends to greet,
"Here is breakfast; come and eat."*
4. *Christ is risen! Grief and sighing,
Sins and sorrows, fall behind;
Fear and failure, doubt, denying,
Full and free forgiveness find.
All the soul's dark night is past,
Morning breaks in joy at last.*
5. *Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us,
Feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As His faithful friends He greets us,
Partners of his work and will.
All our days, on ev'ry shore,
Christ is ours for evermore!*

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

C 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)

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 189 (red hymnal): *He is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

**1. He is arisen! Glorious word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heaven are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!**

**Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—
He was dead, but see, He liveth!**

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.

2nd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING POSTPONED: The 2nd quarter voters meeting which had been rescheduled for today has been postponed until further notice. However, quarterly reports have still been written and collected, and will be sent out asap. Please speak with congregation President Randy Wittorp with any comments or concerns.

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 "\$clcmztzion".
- You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

PASTORAL CARE: Due to the "Stay Home" executive order signed by Governor Whitmer, and in conjunction with the community need for general isolation at this time, Pastor Naumann has had to change the way that he would normally interact with members. Phone calls and video chats have replaced many face-to-face meetings and visits. However, Pastor is also ready to take necessary precautions to bring the Word of God, in person, to our members who need spiritual help should the situation present itself. If you need to get ahold of Pastor for any reason, please don't hesitate to call! In the meantime, Pastor Naumann will continue to make phone and video

calls to member households to check in, give encouragement, and see if you have any needs which the church can help with.

CLC EVENTS RESCHEDULED: “Due to the ongoing pandemic, CLC board and Coordinating Council meetings have been rescheduled for June 8-10, 2020. The Call Committee for Graduates will meet remotely on April 22, 2020. The CLC Convention has been postponed to July 30-August 2, 2020. We pray that by these later dates it will be possible to travel and meet together in person to carry out the Lord’s great commission.” – CLC President Michael Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$964.84
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2855.00		
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$19,615.38		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$21,071.09		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 4/22	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting (Remotely)
Sat. 4/25	3pm	Hymnal Committee Meeting (Remotely)
Sun. 4/26	10am	Sunday Worship Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 “Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Jackie McGruder remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery.