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For those who love God

**ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER FOR GOOD.**

Romans 8:28, ESV



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5th Sunday after Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O almighty God, You who made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, use us as instruments of Your Holy Word, and let the light of Your salvation shine to all the ends of the earth. Keep our crucified and risen Savior the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. For Jesus sake we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 207 (red hymnal): *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

**1. Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And
Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.**

**3. Though I be by sin o'ertaken,
Though I lie in helplessness,
Though I be by friends forsaken
And must suffer sore distress,
Though I be despised, contemned,
And by all the world condemned,
Though the dark grave yawn before me,
Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.**

**2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.**

**4. Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.**

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.

G 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.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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 musical notation for 'Glory to God in the Highest' is presented in four systems. Each system includes a staff of music with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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: *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 145:13-21*

- P** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- C** The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
- P** The LORD upholds all who are falling
- C** And raises up all who are bowed down.
- P** The eyes of all look to you,
- C** And you give them their food in due season.
- P** You open your hand;
- C** You satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- P** The LORD is righteous in all his ways
- C** And kind in all his works.
- P** The LORD is near to all who call on him,
- C** To all who call on him in truth.
- P** He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
- C** He also hears their cry and saves them.
- P** The LORD preserves all who love him,
- C** But all the wicked he will destroy.
- P** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
- C** And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



The Gospel Reading: *John 17:1-19*

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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





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 209 (red hymnal): *Who Is This that Comes from Edom*

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| <p>1. <i>Who Is this that comes from Edom,
All His raiment stained with blood;
To the captive speaking freedom,
Bringing and bestowing good;
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoil He bears?</i></p> <p>3. <i>Why that blood His raiment staining?
'Tis the blood of many slain;
Of His foes there's none remaining,
None the contest to maintain.
Fall'n they are, no more to rise;
All their glory prostrate lies.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>'Tis the Savior, now victorious,
Traveling onward in His might;
'Tis the Savior; oh, how glorious
To His people is the sight!
Satan conquered and the grave,
Jesus now is strong to save.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Mighty Victor, reign forever,
Wear the crown so dearly won;
Never shall Thy people, never,
Cease to sing what Thou hast done.
Thou hast fought Thy people's foes;
Thou hast healed Thy people's woes.</i></p> |
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The Sermon: *Romans 8:24-30*

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in

our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

All You Need to Know is that God Knows

- I. You CAN'T know all that you'd like to know, so stop trying!
- II. You CAN know all that God wants you to know, so start trusting!



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 521:1-4 (red hymnal): *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

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| <p>1. <i>What God ordains is always good;</i>
<i>His will abideth holy.</i>
<i>As He directs my life for me,</i>
<i>I follow meek and lowly.</i>
<i>God indeed in every need</i>
<i>Doth well know how to shield me;</i>
<i>To Him, then, I will yield me.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>What God ordains is always good.</i>
<i>He never will deceive me;</i>
<i>He leads me in His own right way,</i>
<i>And never will He leave me.</i>
<i>I take content What He hath sent;</i>
<i>His hand that sends me sadness</i>
<i>Will turn my tears to gladness.</i></p> |
| <p>3. <i>What God ordains is always good.</i>
<i>His loving thought attends me;</i>
<i>No poison can be in the cup</i>
<i>That my Physician sends me.</i>
<i>My God is true; Each morn anew</i>
<i>I'll trust His grace unending,</i>
<i>My life to Him commending.</i></p> | <p>4. <i>What God ordains is always good.</i>
<i>He is my Friend and Father;</i>
<i>He suffers naught to do me harm,</i>
<i>Though many storms may gather.</i>
<i>Now I may know Both joy and woe,</i>
<i>Some day I shall see clearly</i>
<i>That He hath loved me dearly.</i></p> |

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!

Hymn 207:6 (red hymnal): *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

*6. For the joy Thy advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee.*

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 is taking place remotely today at 11am.

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". OR you may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

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CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mike Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to St Luke’s, Lemmon, SD. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher. <> Teacher Dan Barthels, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to teach grades 4-8 and be principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.

GLDC CANCELLED: The 2020 Great Lakes Delegate Conference, originally scheduled for June 1-2, has been cancelled and is being rescheduled for June 7-8, 2021. The conference will take place in Fond du Lac, WI. All assignments for this year will be carried over to next year. – Pastor Michael Wilke, Conference Chairman.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$1184.17
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3428.13		
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$24,846.15		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$26,554.22		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Q2 Voters Remote Meeting
Tue. 5/19	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 5/24	10am	Ascension Sunday Service Live Streamed on YouTube

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. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is preparing with his Army Reserve unit to be deployed to Kuwait on June 25.

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