

March 29, 2020



"I HAVE NOT COME
TO BRING PEACE,
BUT A SWORD."

MATTHEW 10:34



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5th Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Redeemer, grant Your blessing to us during this Lenten season. 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 by faith always 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 Your love's sake. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 151:1-3,7 (red hymnal): *Christ the Life of All the Living*

**1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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.

Glory to God in the Highest *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 Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:21-31*

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 8* *Select Verses*

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C You have set your glory above the heavens.

P Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

C You have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

P When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C The moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P What is man that you are mindful of him,

C And the son of man that you care for him?

P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C And crowned him with glory and honor.

P You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

P O LORD, our Lord,

C How majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Reading from the Passion History of Christ: *Lesson 5B*

The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. They also kept hitting him in the face. Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate asked him, "Are you not talking to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!" When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. It was about the sixth hour on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king!" They shouted, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your king?" "We have no king but Caesar!" the chief priests answered. When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he decided that what they demanded would be done. He took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility." And all the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross. As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

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

*1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*4. Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The Sermon: Matthew 10:32-39

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

The Cost and Reward of Discipleship

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 421 (red hymnal): *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

**1. Come, follow me, the Savior spake,
All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take my example for your guide.**

**2. I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.**

**3. My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**4. I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heavenly goal.**

**5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain
The crown of life shall not obtain.**

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 401 (red hymnal): Praise to Thee and Adoration

**1. Praise to Thee and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Thine own creation,
Didst partake of flesh and blood.
Teach me that I never may
From Thy fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Thy steps are leading.**

**2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee,
E'en though bitter pain and strife
On my way shall overtake me;
But may I through all my life
Walk in fervent love to Thee,
In all woes for comfort flee
To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion,
Till I see Thy full salvation.**

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.

NEXT SUNDAY VOTERS MEETING POSTPONED: The 2nd quarterly voters meeting has been postponed until April 19. Depending on further information and restrictions involving the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting may be postponed again or be scheduled to take place via video conference call. Please speak with congregation President Randy Wittorp with any thoughts or concerns.

PASTORAL CARE: Due to the "Stay Home" executive order signed by Governor Whitmer last Monday, 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 be making phone and video calls to all member households to check in, give encouragement, and see if you have any needs which the church can help with.

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 the church mailbox by the red side door.

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 **accepted** 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

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes	
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3016.00	4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$819.80
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$15,692.31		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$17,567.09		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 4/5	9am	Bible Class CANCELLED
	10am	Worship Service Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
Fri. 4/10	7pm	Good Friday Service (Likely live stream only)
Sun. 4/12	9am	NO Bible Class
	10am	Easter Brunch (Likely cancelled)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service (Likely live stream only)
Sun. 4/19	11am	2 nd Q. Voters Meeting (rescheduled from 4/5)

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.