

June 28, 2020



YOU WILL CAST ALL
OUR SINS
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

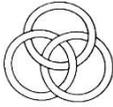


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4th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Lord Jesus, grant us grace to recognize that we are helpless to earn our eternal salvation. Always fix our eyes of faith upon You. Send us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and nourish us in our faith that we may abound more and more in the desires and thoughts, the words and deeds, which are fruit and evidence of our faith. In Your name, Amen.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 31 (TLH): *When All Thy Mercies, O My God*

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| <p>1. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.</p> <p>3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.</p> | <p>2. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.</p> <p>4. When nature fails, and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercies shall adore.</p> <p>5. Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
But, oh! eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.</p> |
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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 New Testament Reading: *Acts 9:1-18*

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 89:1-6*

P Lord, you have been our dwelling place

C In all generations.

P Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

C From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P You return man to dust and say,

C "Return, O children of man!"

P For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

C Or as a watch in the night.

P You sweep them away as with a flood;

C They are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

P In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

C In the evening it fades and withers.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:11-32*

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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 384 (TLH): *Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*

- Oh, how great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might be saved eternally!*
- Thy great love for this hath striven
That we may from sin be free
And forever live with Thee;
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given
And extends an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.*
- And for this our soul's salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word.
He imparts true consolation,
Granteth us the gift of faith
That we fear nor hell nor death.*
- Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me—
Truth doth evermore abide—
Then in Thee I will confide.
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.*

**5. I will praise Thy great compassion,
 Faithful Father, God of grace,
 That with all our fallen race
 And in our deep degradation
 Thou wast merciful that we
 Might bring endless praise to Thee.**

The Sermon: Micha 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

“A God Like Me?...” Not at all!

- I. His mercy is daily
- II. His anger has passed
- III. His promise is certain

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 778 (WS2000): *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

- 1. Grace has a thrilling sound
To each believer's ear;
That peace with God through Christ is found
Is news I gladly hear.
Grace first described the way
To save our fallen race;
The Father sent His only Son
Who came to take our place.**
- 2. Grace first inscribed my name
In God's eternal book,
And grace has brought me to the Lamb,
Who all my sorrows took.
Grace led my wand'ring feet
To tread the heav'nly road,
and grace supplies each hour I meet
While pressing on to God.**
- 3. Grace taught my soul to pray,
And made my eye o'er-flow;
His grace has kept me to this day
And will not let me go.
Grace all our work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
The heav'nly home God give His own
Shall echo with our praise.**

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 351:1 (TLH): *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

- 1. Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.**

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.

REOPENING CHURCH SERVICES: Until further notice, each Sunday two services will be offered at 9:00am and 10:30am (with an additional service to be held at 12:00pm, if necessary). Each service is limited to 10 people in attendance. We are asking each person(s) wanting to attend to please contact Pastor Naumann to sign up for a particular service. Sign up will be first come, first serve. If the service that you wish to attend is full, you will be asked to attend a different one. In addition to this 10-person limit, we will also be implementing safety practices that can be found on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain.

THE 3rd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled to take place remotely Sunday, July 12 at 11:30am. All voters will need to have access to the internet and a computer, tablet, or cell phone with a working webcam and microphone. More detailed information will be coming next week. If you are not able to attend, please inform President Wittorp asap.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: You will notice that the normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church OR use one of the following options: 1) 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". 2) You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 17th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 20-23 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 15. Information and registration can be found at www.redeemerclc.info

THE CLC's COORDINATING COUNCIL met a couple of weeks ago and has provided a summary of their reports and actions to be distributed among CLC membership. The summary is available as an insert in this bulletin and in your church email from yesterday. The full report may be viewed here: tinyurl.com/2020springcc.

ILHS GRADUATION: Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Sat., Aug. 1, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be "by invitation only" due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at ilc.edu. The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$32,692.31
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,444.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$38,647.22
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1,667.89

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 7/5	9am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Service
Sun. 7/12	11:30am	3 rd Quarter Voters Meeting
Mon.-Thu. 7/20-7/23		Lower Michigan Bible Camp Pigeon Creek Park, Lake Michigan
Sun. 7/26	12pm	Church Picnic Rosie's Park, Madison Heights, MI

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder underwent a successful surgery last Wednesday to remove arterial blockages in her left leg. She is recovering well at home and continues to suffer 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) deployed with his Army unit to Kuwait on June 25.

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