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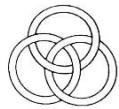


# MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Madison Heights, MI

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** We thank You, gracious Father in heaven, for the priceless blessings You have given us in Your Word. Nothing on earth can equal this treasure, given to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless our hearing of Your holy Word. Grant that we may receive it with meekness, apply it to our lives and daily needs, and, living according to it make it known unto others. Above all, strengthen and keep us in our saving faith unto eternal life through this blessed Means of Grace. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

##### Hymn 575:1-3 (TLH): Before the Lord We Bow

1. *Before the Lord we bow,  
The God who reigns above  
And rules the world below  
In boundless pow'r and love.*

2. *The nation Thou hast blest  
May well Thy love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Thy care.*

*Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise  
Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.*      *For this fair land, For this bright day,  
Our thanks we pay-- Gifts of Thy hand.*

3. *May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Thy Word's pure light  
And its rich fruits be seen!*

*May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise A grateful song!*

#### 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: *Isaiah 58:6-12*

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

## The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 35 Selected Verses*

- P** Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;  
**C** Fight against those who fight against me!  
**P** Take hold of shield and buckler  
**C** And rise for my help!  
**P** Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers!  
**C** Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"  
**P** Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life!  
**C** Let them be turned back who devise evil against me!  
**P** Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,  
**C** Exulting in his salvation.  
**P** All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him,  
**C** The poor and needy from him who robs him?"

## The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.<sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?<sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**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 Nicene Creed We boldly confess what we believe.

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come

again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn 400 (TLH): *Take My Life and Let It Be*

- 1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*
- 2. Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.*
- 4. Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*
- 5. Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.*
- 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all, for Thee.*

### The Sermon: *Romans 14:7-19*

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.<sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;<sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.<sup>14</sup> I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it

unclean.<sup>15</sup> For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.<sup>16</sup> So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.<sup>18</sup> Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.<sup>19</sup> So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

### **“We are the Lord’s”**

- I. Purchased by Him in Christ’s death and life (7-9)
- II. Accountable to Him in our treatment of others (10-12)
- III. Persuaded by Him in love for our brothers (13-19)



### **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 412 (TLH): *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

- 1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living Way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.**
- 2. So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy power confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.**
- 3. Spirit of Life, of Love, and Peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.**

## 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 Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

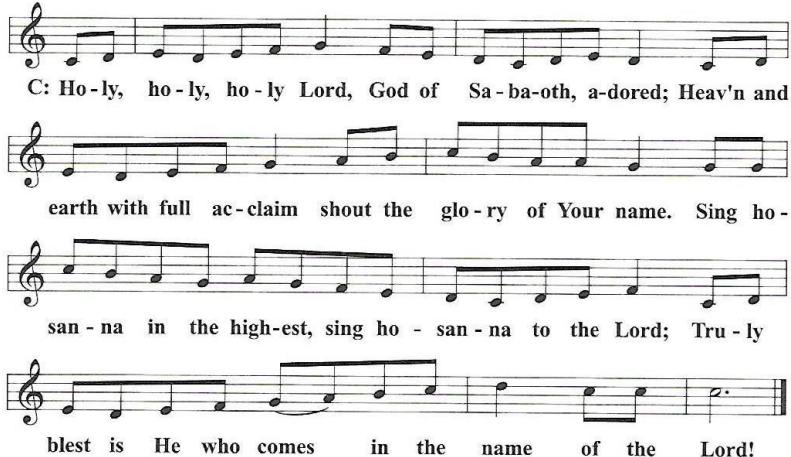
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*Sanctus*



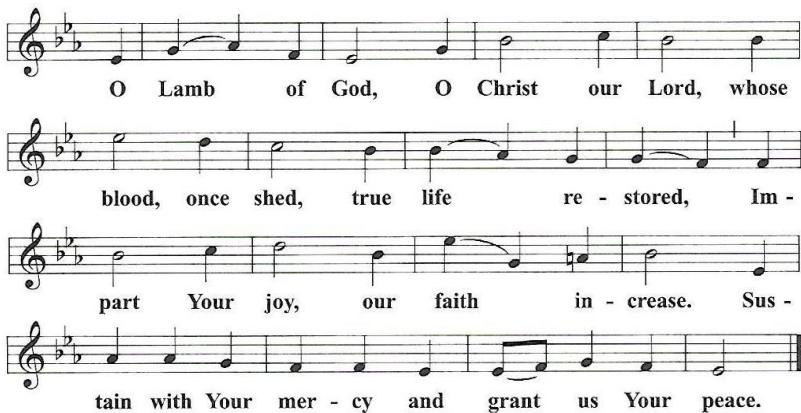
C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

- ¶ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re-store, In-part Your joy, our faith in-crease. Sus-tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Nunc Dimittis

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical notes. The score is in two parts, indicated by a double bar line with repeat dots.

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your servant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All -  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the be - Gen - tiles, Un -  
as in the be - Gen - tiles, Un -  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless-ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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 577 (TLH): *God Bless Our Native Land*

**1. God bless our native land!**

*Firm may she ever stand*

*Thro' storm and night!*

**When the wild tempests rave,**

*Ruler of wind and wave*

**Do Thou our country save**

*By Thy great might.*

**2. For her our prayer shall rise**

*To God above the skies;*

*On Him we wait.*

**Thou who art ever nigh,**

*Guarding with watchful eye,*

*To Thee aloud we cry,*

**God save the State!**



The following is taken from *The Lutheran Witness* of May 13, 1941. It was written by Dr. C. F. W. Walther and was translated from the original German by Prof. Theodore Graebner. These men were two of the founding fathers of conservative Lutheranism.

### **"I Am an American"**

O blessed day – the day which witnessed the laying of the foundation for a nation in which freedom of religion and liberty of conscience were made a principle of its fundamental law! O blessed land in which we are permitted to enjoy this freedom! Even as our country guarantees that freedom to the exercise of religion, so may religion bring heavenly blessings to this land!

But let us not be satisfied to enjoy this freedom of religion. God will demand a heavy reckoning from us for the manner in which we have employed this inexpressible benefit. Therefore, let us as citizens of this country labor for the preservation of its freedom, manfully fight for it, and, if necessary, willingly shed our blood for it. Let us be ready to do all this, particularly also for the preservation of this golden crown of its free institutions – religious liberty. Let us do on our part everything that it may remain a refuge for all who are persecuted by reason of their religion among all nations of the earth.

May the Lord of Nations, who to the present day has evidently watched over our land, has governed and blessed it, continue to make His face shine benignly over these free United States of North America. May He bring to naught all the schemes of her enemies that are being plotted against our land and its liberties! May He train unto Himself a pious, free, and happy people and ever place at its head virtuous men of wise counsel and of courageous actions!

## **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. In addition to this 10-person limit, we will also be implementing social distancing practices that can be found on the entryway bulletin board.

**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER VOTERS MEETING** is scheduled to take place remotely next Sunday, July 12 at 11:30am. Keep an eye on your email inbox for details. 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." The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmtzion". 2) You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

**VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The outreach committee has completed filming for a three-day "Virtual" VBS. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped teach and film! Ben Mueller will be editing the material over the next few weeks and we hope to release the finished product to our YouTube channel on July 20.

**SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM:** London Hughes, at-distance Cleveland member and current marketing major at Cleveland State University, has been working with Pastor Naumann to rebrand our church's social media presence. Going forward we hope to produce more Bible-based content on both Facebook and Instagram. The more platforms we use to spread God's message of salvation, the better! Please give us a "follow" on Facebook and Instagram: @clcmtzion.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Morning Star, Fairchild; Peace with God, Onalaska; and Trinity, Millston, WI has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD. <> Prof. Steve Sippert, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to serve as pastor of Bethel, Morris, MN.

**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](http://www.redeemerclc.info)

**CLC "MAN UP" WEEKEND** is men's retreat intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. After giving due consideration to the concerns of the Coronavirus pandemic, the tentative plan as of now is to forge ahead with the retreat taking place on September 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park, WI. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many outdoor bonding activities. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park, & register for the retreat online at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities.

### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

Church Cleaning: Naumanns

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

In-Person Attendance June 28, 2020 = 20

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$34,000
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,635.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$39,989.22
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1,721.57

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Sun. 7/12</b>	9am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Services
	12:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Voters Meeting
<b>Mon.-Thu. 7/20-7/23</b>		Lower Michigan Bible Camp Pigeon Creek Park, Michigan
<b>Sun. 7/26</b>	12pm	Church Picnic, Rosie's Park, Madison Heights, MI
<b>Tue. 7/28</b>	8:30pm	Trustees Meeting

### **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) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait.