

August 23, 2020



HER SINS,
WHICH ARE MANY,
ARE FORGIVEN

LUKE 7:47

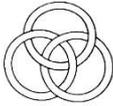


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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 17:1-4 (TLH): *Oh, Worship the King*

1. Oh, worship the King
*All glorious above:
Oh, gratefully sing
His power and His love,
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise!*

2. Oh, tell of His might,
*Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.*

3. This earth, with its store
*Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power
Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.*

4. Thy bountiful care
*What tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.*

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.

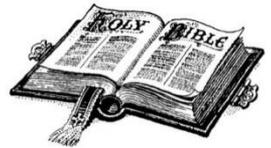
- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 22:21-29

"The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me. ²² For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²³ For all his rules were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside. ²⁴ I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt. ²⁵ And the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight. ²⁶ "With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷ with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸ You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹ For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 6

- P** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
C Nor discipline me in your wrath.
P Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
C Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
P My soul also is greatly troubled.
C But you, O LORD--how long?
P Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
C Save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
P For in death there is no remembrance of you;
C In Sheol who will give you praise?
P I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;
C I drench my couch with my weeping.
P My eye wastes away because of grief;
C It grows weak because of all my foes.
P Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
C For the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
P The LORD has heard my plea;
C The LORD accepts my prayer.
P All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
C They shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.



The Epistle Reading: *Romans 10:4-18*

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. ⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

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 507 (TLH): *Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

- 1. Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.*
- 2. Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave
Man from sin and death to save.*
- 3. Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.*
- 4. Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us up to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.*
- 5. Up! The ripening fields ye see.
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.*
- 6. Lord of Harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light and learn Thy fear.*

The Sermon: *Luke 7:36-50*

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."⁴⁰ And Jesus

answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

God's Forgiveness Goes Deeper

I. Deeper than the self-righteous can believe

II. Deeper than the sinner can imagine

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 342 (TLH): Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**1. Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

**3. Jesus only can impart
Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought!-
Found me when I sought Him not.**

**4. Chief of sinner though I be,
Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.**

**5. O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I 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 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 37:1 (TLH): Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee

**1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to 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.

CHURCH WORKDAY: Thanks to everyone who came to help out at yesterday's workday. The property has never looked better! Over a six-hour period we were able to weed and trim the flowerbeds and planters, caulk the shed, clean the basement and sanctuary, and stain and seal the ramp, planters, and cross. Check your email to see pictures.

VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: In lieu of in-person Vacation Bible School this summer, our congregation's outreach committee has produced a virtual VBS series. Join us as we embark on a three-day video journey that explores some of Jesus' most powerful miracles. Each short video contains a bible story, craft, and memory verse. Please visit Mt. Zion's YouTube channel to watch and share: <https://bit.ly/3jOfTYu>

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: 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 "\$clcmztion". 2) You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St. Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, CA has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Robert List has asked to be relieved of his vacancy work at Trinity, Spokane, WA. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, is now serving the vacancy.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance 8/16/20 = 17

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$43,153.85
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4,038.34	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$51,261.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,172.46

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Church Cleaning: Workday Crew

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 8/25	8pm	Elders Meeting
Sun. 8/30	9am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Services
Tue. 9/1	8pm	Hymnal Committee Meeting
Wed. 9/2	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/20	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Thu. 9/24 – Sun. 9/27		ManUp Retreat (CLC Men’s Retreat) Wyalusing State Park, Wisconsin
Tue. 9/29 – Thu. 10/1		Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she 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.