

September 20, 2020



BUT THE LORD ANSWERED HER,  
"MARTHA, MARTHA, YOU ARE ANXIOUS  
AND TROUBLED ABOUT MANY THINGS,

BUT ONE  
THING IS  
NECESSARY.

MARY HAS CHOSEN THE GOOD PORTION,  
WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER."

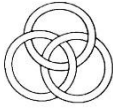
LUKE 10:41-42

# MT. ZION

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

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for teaching us Your Word, which is the beginning of all true wisdom. Through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, continue all Christian education among us to the glory of Your name and of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Hymn 288 (TLH):** *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

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| <p><b>1. Lord, help us ever to retain<br/>The Catechism's doctrine plain<br/>As Luther taught the Word of Truth<br/>In simple style to tender youth.</b></p> <p><b>3. Hear us, dear Father, when we pray<br/>For needed help from day to day<br/>That as Thy children we may live,<br/>Whom Thou in Baptism didst receive.</b></p> | <p><b>2. Help us Thy holy Law to learn,<br/>To mourn our sin, and from it turn<br/>In faith to Thee and to Thy Son<br/>And Holy Spirit, Three in One.</b></p> <p><b>4. Lord, when we fall and sin doth stain,<br/>Absolve and lift us up again;<br/>And through the Sacrament increase<br/>Our faith till we depart in peace.</b></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.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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 consists of four staves of music in a treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the remaining lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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: *Deuteronomy 6:4-12*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. <sup>10</sup> "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you--with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup> and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant--and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup> then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

## The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 78:1-7*

- P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
**C** **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**  
**P** I will open my mouth in a parable;  
**C** **I will utter dark sayings from of old,**  
**P** Things that we have heard and known,  
**C** **That our fathers have told us.**  
**P** We will not hide them from their children,  
**C** **But tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**  
**P** He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,  
**C** **Which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,**  
**P** That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,  
**C** **And arise and tell them to their children,**  
**P** So that they should set their hope in God  
**C** **And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**



## The New Testament Reading: *Acts 8:26-39*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a

eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

**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 629 (TLH): *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

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| <i>1. Let children hear the mighty deeds<br/>Which God performed of old;<br/>Which in our younger years we saw,<br/>And which our fathers told.</i> | <i>2. Make unto them His glories known,<br/>His works of pow'r and grace;<br/>And we'll convey His wonders down<br/>Thro' ev'ry rising race.</i>      |
| <i>3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons,<br/>And they again to theirs;<br/>That generations yet unborn<br/>May teach them to their heirs.</i>    | <i>4. Oh, teach them with all diligence<br/>The truths of God's own Word,<br/>To place in Him their confidence,<br/>To fear and trust their Lord.</i> |
| <i>5. To learn that in their God alone<br/>Their hope securely stands,<br/>That they may ne'er forget His works,<br/>But walk in His commands.</i>  |   |

### The Sermon: *Luke 10:38-42*

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup> And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup> "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

### **"One Thing is Needed"**

- I. Neglect the Word... and everything else is useless
- II. Hear the Word... and everything else follows

## 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 366:1-4 (TLH): *One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure*

- 1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure Teach me highly to regard;  
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving, No true, lasting happiness  
ever deriving. The gain of this one thing all loss can requite  
And teach me in all things to find true delight.**
- 2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful, Turn from all created things  
Unto Jesus and be heedful Of the blessed joy He brings.  
For where God and Man both in one are united, With God's perfect fulness  
the heart is delighted; There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,  
My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.**
- 3. How were Mary's thoughts devoted, Her eternal joy to find  
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined!  
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling, While hearing the lessons  
that Christ was revealing! For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,  
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.**
- 4. Thus my longings, heavenward tending, Jesus, rest alone on Thee.  
Help me, thus on Thee depending; Savior come and dwell in me.  
Although all the world should forsake and forget Thee, In love I will follow  
Thee, ne'er will I quit Thee. Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word;  
And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?**

## 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 283 (TLH): *God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

*1. God’s Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure.  
Throughout all generations!*



## **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.

**THANK YOU FROM PASTOR NAUMANN'S FAMILY:** Thank you to the members of Mt. Zion for your continued prayers for Pastor's mom and family as she continues her fight with stage four brain cancer. Thank you especially to those who contributed to the monetary gift to help us with travel expenses as we plan to visit her soon. We remain steadfastly confident in mom's eternal salvation through Jesus and we trust God's good will for her and all of us while we remain on this earth. At the same time, we are also adjusting our plans to the likelihood that she may well be taken to heaven in the near future due to the aggressive nature of her cancer. God can and does work miracles, and we pray that He will do just that for my mother. We just don't know. What we do know is that *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness."* (Lam. 3:22-33). In Christ, Pastor, Ashley, Aurora, and Jed.

**Mt. ZION CLOTHING ORDER:** The Outreach Committee has been working with a CLC screenprinter to order new Mt. Zion clothing. In your bulletin you will find an order form with photos. The new design was created by our very own member Katelyn Boyce! So, if you would like to purchase an item or two, please fill out your form and hand it in to Pastor by November 1.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE CLASS** continues this Wednesday at 7:00pm with chapters 3-4 of the Book of Acts. Simply enter the following link into your web browser to join: [meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd](https://meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd).

**AN EVANGELISM WORKSHOP WEBINAR** is being presented by the Outreach Committee on Saturday, October 17 at 2pm. An Evangelism Workshop offers the opportunity for spiritual encouragement and practical advice for personal evangelism while also helping our members to stay aware and involved in the evangelism efforts of our congregation in the Madison Heights community and beyond. Hope you can virtually attend!

**A MISSION FESTIVAL** is being planned for Sunday, October 18. Pastor Mike Wilke will be guest preaching.

**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.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Chad Seybt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has **received** the call to the tri-parish of Morningstar, Fairchild, WI, Trinity, Millston, WI, and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO has **returned** the call to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> 2020 Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has **received** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

September Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

In-Person Attendance 9/6/20 = 15

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$48,384.62
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,126.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$57,127.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,407.10

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Tue. 9/22</b>	8pm	Trustees Meeting
<b>Wed. 9/16</b>	7pm	Online Bible Class Join with this link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd">meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd</a>
<b>Thu. 9/24</b>	8pm	Outreach Meeting
<b>Tue. 9/29 – Thu. 10/1</b>		Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
<b>Sat. 10/17</b>	2pm	Evangelism Workshop Webinar
<b>Sun. 10/18</b>	10am	Mission Festival Service (Pastor Wilke preaching)
<b>Sun. 10/25</b>	1pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Voters Meeting

**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. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. **Susan Fobear's** brother, **Dan Nagy**, continues to recover from a life-threatening infection. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has been diagnosed with stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemotherapy treatment.