

September 27, 2020



But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20

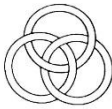


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17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, strengthen our faith in You the only true God, and increase our wisdom in Your holy Word. Restore unto us the joy of Your Salvation, and the hope of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 198 (TLH): *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

- 1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.*
- 2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.*
- 3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.*
- 4. Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.*
- 5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign!*

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: *Deuteronomy 32:39-43*

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. ⁴⁰ For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever, ⁴¹ if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me. ⁴² I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh-- with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the enemy.' ⁴³ "Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people's land."

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 45:1-7*

- P** My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
- C** I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- P** You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
- C** Grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.
- P** Gird your sword on your thigh,
- C** O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!
- P** In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
- C** Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
- P** Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
- C** The peoples fall under you.
- P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
- C** The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- P** You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
- Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.**



The Gospel Reading: *John 11:19-45*

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips,

and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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 355 (TLH): *Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone*

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| <p>1. Thou art the Way; to Thee alone
 <i>From sin and death we flee;</i>
 And he who would the Gather seek
 <i>Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.</i></p> | <p>2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone
 <i>True wisdom can impart;</i>
 Thou only canst inform the mind
 <i>And purify the heart.</i></p> |
| <p>3. Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
 <i>Proclaims Thy conquering arm;</i>
 And those who put their trust in Thee
 <i>Nor death nor hell shall harm.</i></p> | <p>4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
 <i>Grant us that Way to know,</i>
 That Truth to keep, that life Life to win,
 <i>Whose joys eternal flow.</i></p> |

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

THEME: These are the FACTS

Fact 1: In Adam ALL die

Fact 2: In Christ ALL shall be made alive

Fact 3: Death and ALL things shall be subjected to Christ

Fact 4: God shall be ALL in ALL

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 759 (WS2000): *These Are the Facts*

- 1. These are the facts as we have received them,
These are the truths that the Christian believes,
This is the basis of all of our preaching:
Christ died for sinners and rose from the tomb.***
- 2. These are the facts as we have received them:
Christ has fulfilled what the scriptures foretold,
Adam's whole family in death had been sleeping,
Christ through his rising restores us to life.***
- 3. These are the facts as we have received them:
We, with our Savior, have died on the cross;
Now, having risen, our Jesus lives in us,
Gives us his Spirit and makes us his home.***
- 4. These are the facts as we have received them:
We shall be changed in the blink of an eye,
Trumpets shall sound as we face life immortal,
This is the victory through Jesus our Lord.***

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 341:4 (TLH): *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

- 4. Crown Him the Lord of Life Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.***

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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.

BAPTISMS YESTERDAY: Congratulations to Mike Boyce and Anna Titus who, yesterday, were born again of water and the Word at a private service at the Boyce's home in Kimball. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives the gift of saving faith in Jesus Christ, thereby washing away all sins and making Mike and Anna dear children of the heavenly Father, members of the Holy Christian Church, and heirs of eternal life. Praise be to God!

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 a form and hand it in to Pastor by November 1.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE CLASS continues this Wednesday at 7:00pm with chapters 5-6 of the Book of Acts. Simply enter the following link into your web browser to join: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd.

AN EVANGELISM WORKSHOP WEBINAR is being presented by the Outreach Committee on Saturday, October 17 at 2pm. The theme is "Preaching to Prosperity: How to evangelize to those who believe in the 'Prosperity Gospel.'" Hope you can virtually attend!

A MISSION FESTIVAL is being planned for Sunday, October 18. Pastor Dave Schaller 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 **accepted** the call to the tri-parish of Morningstar, Fairchild, WI, Trinity, Millston, WI, and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI. <> 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: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL **Offering numbers are from 9/20/20*

In-Person Attendance 9/6/20 = 16 // Online Bible Class 9/23/20 = 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

Tue. 9/29 – Thu. 10/1		Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
Wed. 9/30	7pm	Online Bible Class Join with this link: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Thu. 10/8	8pm	Hymnal Committee Meeting
Tue. 10/13	7pm	Elders Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Sat. 10/17	2pm	Evangelism Workshop Webinar
Sun. 10/18	10am	Mission Festival Service (Pastor Schaller preaching)
Sun. 10/25	1pm	4 th 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** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemo treatment.