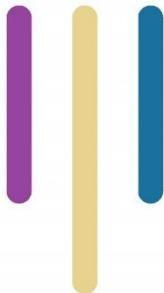


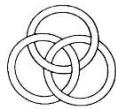
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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, living Savior, abide with us on our journey through this wicked world; for we are in constant need of Your comfort and instruction. Open our hearts that we may gladly hear Your Word and enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit that we may understand what the Scriptures teach concerning You and Your work of redemption. Strengthen our faith, guide us daily by Your Word, and finally receive us into Your heavenly kingdom. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 2 (TLH): To Thy Temple I Repair

1. *To Thy temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy-seat.*
2. *I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Thy courts to seek Thy face.*
3. *While Thy glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.*
4. *While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of Love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Thy Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.*
5. *While I hearken to Thy Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Thy Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.*
6. *While Thy ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Thy name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear Thee speaking from the sky.*
7. *From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."*

The Invocation We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- ¶ 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.

- ¶ 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 - ey on us. Christ, have mer - ey on us.
Lord, have mer - ey on us.

God, We Praise You! Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")

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."

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 Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 1:5-17*

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion,⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.¹⁷ To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 33:1-7*

- P** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
C Praise befits the upright.
P Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
C Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
P Sing to him a new song;
C Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.



- P** For the word of the LORD is upright,
C And all his work is done in faithfulness.
P He loves righteousness and justice;
C The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
P By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
C And by the breath of his mouth all their host.
P He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
C He puts the deeps in storehouses.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- 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 245 (TLH): *God Loved the World So that He Gave*

*1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.*

*2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Corner-stone.*

*3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.*

*4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
And justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.*

*5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground of faith.*

*6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!*

The Sermon: Psalm 33:8-20

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

The I AM in the Sky

- I. The nations ignore and discount Him (8-9, 16-17)
- II. His counsel and plans surmount them (10-11, 13-15)
- III. He is our rescue and fountain (12, 18-20)

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 744 (WS2000): How Great Thou Art

1. *O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed,*

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"*

2. *When through the woods and Forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel The gentle breeze;... Refrain*

3. *And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;... Refrain*

4. *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Than I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!... Refrain*

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

P 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 - stored, Im - part Your joy, our faith in - increase. 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.

C: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant 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 - gin - ning, Un -

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name Your -

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 316:1 (TLH): *O Living Bread from Heaven*

1. O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!

The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest.

O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!

My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o'erflows;

For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food,

My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.

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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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE CLASS: It is usually our custom to resume Sunday 9:00am Bible Class on the Sunday after Labor Day. However, in the interest of limiting person-to-person contact, the Elders have determined that we will not be holding in-person Sunday Bible Class for the time being. Rather, an Online Bible Class will be taught Wednesday nights at 7:00pm beginning this Wednesday, September 9. This way everyone (even our at-distance members) will have the opportunity to study God's Word together. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for information on how to attend this Wednesday.

DOC-VOTIONS: Pastor Naumann has begun a new video devotion series examining the doctrines of God's Word. You can find these videos every Wednesday on Mt. Zion's Facebook and Instagram pages: @clcmtzion.

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 "\$clcmtzion". 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 **returned** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> 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 **received** the call to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **accepted** the vacancy call to the tri-parish of Morning Star, Fairchild WI, Trinity, Millston, WI, and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance 8/30/20 = 20

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$45,769.23
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,740.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$54,001.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,282.06

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 9/9	7pm	Online Bible Class
Sun. 9/13	10am	Sunday Worship Service
Sun. 9/20	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 9/22	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Thu. 9/24	8pm	Outreach Meeting
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. **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 be treated for a life-threatening infection at a hospital in Grand Rapids. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, underwent successful surgery this past week to remove a brain tumor. She will be receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatment going forward.