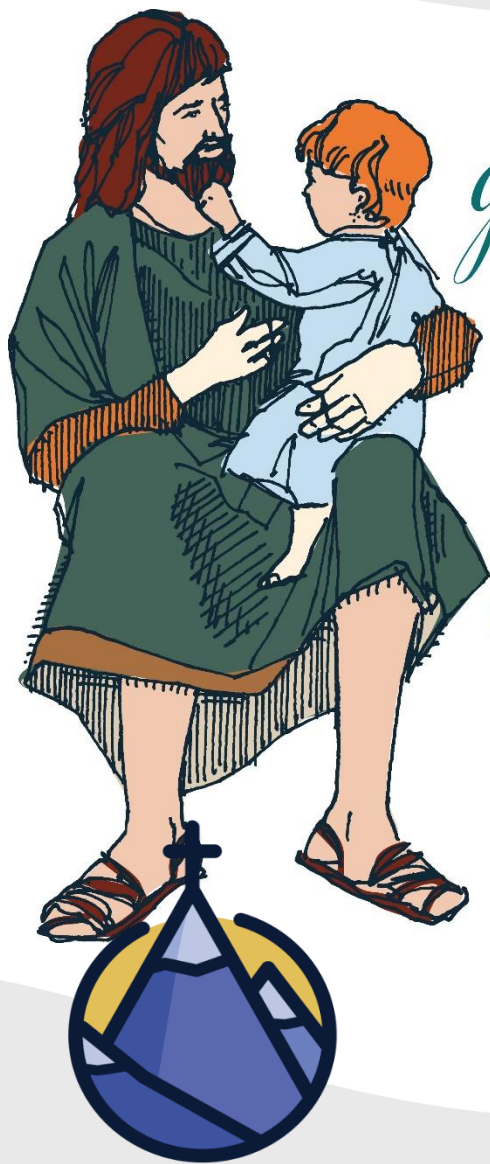


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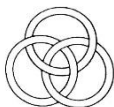
1 JOHN 3:1, NIV

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 12 (TLH): *This Day at Thy Creating Word*

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| 1. This day at Thy creating word
<i>First o'er the earth the light was poured:</i>
<i>O Lord, this day upon us shine</i>
<i>And fill our souls with light divine.</i> | 2. This day the Lord for sinners slain
<i>In might victorious rose again:</i>
<i>O Jesus, may we raised be</i>
<i>From death of sin to life in Thee!</i> |
| 3. This day the Holy Spirit came
<i>With fiery tongues of cloven flame:</i>
<i>O Spirit, fill our hearts this day</i>
<i>With grace to hear and grace to pray.</i> | 4. O day of light and life and grace,
<i>From earthly toil sweet resting-place,</i>
<i>Thy hallowed hours, blest gift of love,</i>
<i>Give we again to God above.</i> |
| 5. All praise to God the Father be,
<i>All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,</i>
<i>Whom, with the Spirit, we adore</i>
<i>Forever and forevermore.</i> | |

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.

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 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 10:12-21*

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 138*

P I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C Before the gods I sing your praise;

P I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

C For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

P On the day I called, you answered me;

C My strength of soul you increased.

P All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

C For they have heard the words of your mouth,

P And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C For great is the glory of the LORD.

P For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

C But the haughty he knows from afar.

P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

C You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

P The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

C Do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Gospel Reading: *John 15:1-17*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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 296 (TLH): *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

1. *Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,*

To Thy Word I now give heed;

Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,

All Thy Word is true indeed.

Death's dread power in me is rife;

Jesus, may Thy Word of Life

Fill my soul with love's strong fervor

That I cling to Thee forever.

3. *Lord, Thy words are waters living*

Where I quench my thirsty need;

Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving,

On Thy words my Soul doth feed.

Lord, Thy words shall be my light

Through death's vale and dreary night;

Yea, they are my sword prevailing

And my cup of joy unfailing.

2. *Oh, what blessing to be near Thee*

And to hearken to Thy voice!

May I ever love and fear Thee

That Thy Word may be my choice!

Oft were hardened sinners, Lord,

Struck with terror by Thy Word;

But to him who for sin grieveth

Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

4. *Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee,*

May Thy words take root in me;

May this gift from heaven enrich me

So that I bear fruit for Thee!

Take them never from my heart

Till I see Thee as Thou art,

When in heavenly bliss and glory

I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

The Sermon: 1 John 3:1-5

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

THEME: God Calls You His Child

- I. Be comforted, you are deeply loved (1)
- II. Be hopeful, you are bound for glory (2)
- III. Be responsible, you are called to purity (3-4)
- IV. Be at peace, your sins are taken away (5)

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 785 (WS2000): Children of the Heavenly Father

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| <p>1. Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.</p> <p>3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> | <p>2. God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them.</p> <p>4. Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne're forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.</p> |
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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*



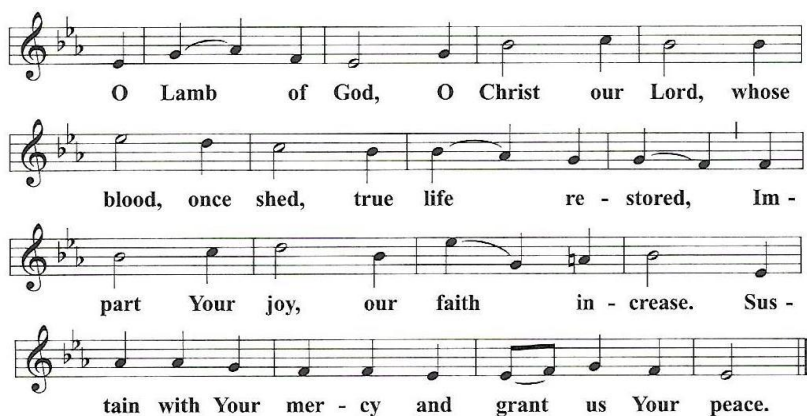
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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



Distribution of the Sacrament

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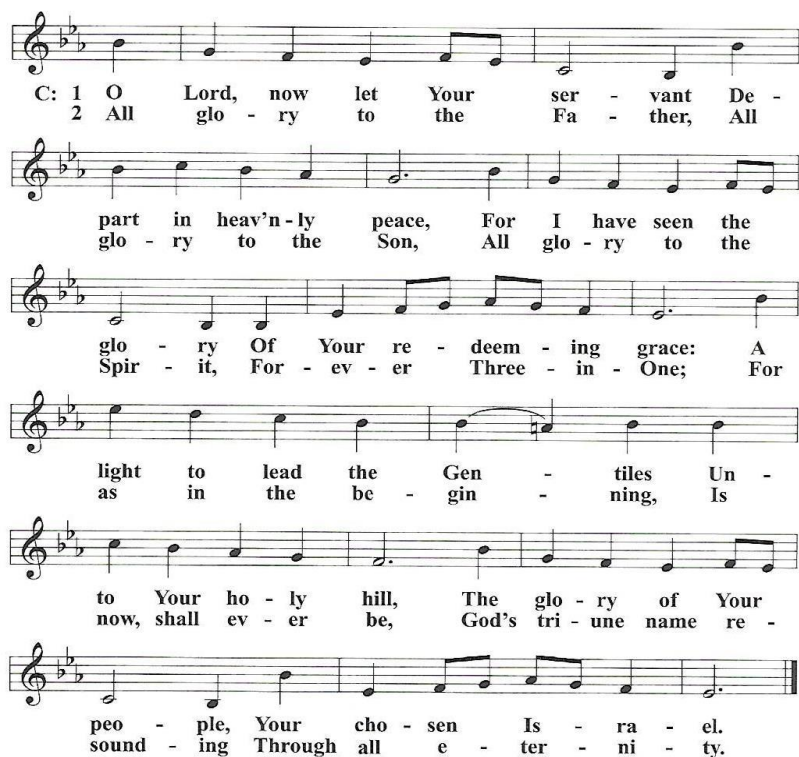
We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you 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

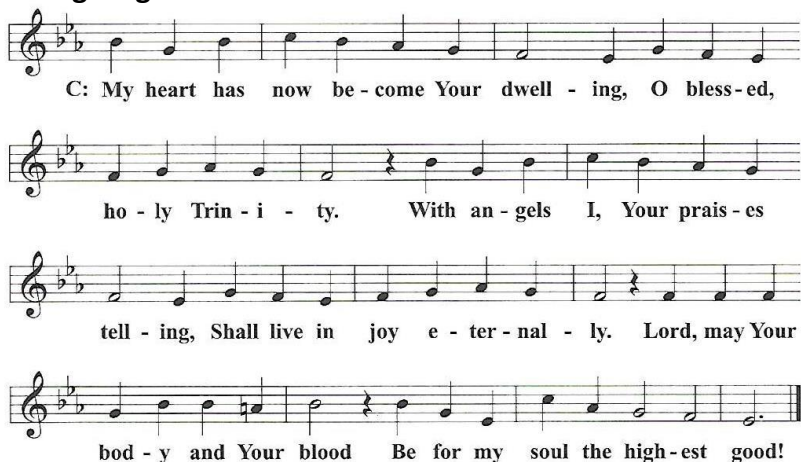
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C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, The 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.

G Amen!

Hymn 334:1 (TLH): *Let Me Be Thine Forever*

***1. Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.***

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.

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.

MT. ZION CLOTHING ORDER forms are available in the back of church. If you're making an order, please fill out a form and hand it in with payment to Pastor by November 1. Checks can be made out to "Mt. Zion."

AN EVANGELISM WORKSHOP WEBINAR is being presented by the Outreach Committee THIS 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!

MISSION FESTIVAL is NEXT Sunday, October 18. Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI will be guest preaching and socially distanced refreshments will be made available by our Ladies group following the service.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sister Lakes, MI is hosting a special afternoon Reformation Service on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00pm. Pastor Schaller from Redeemer, Pastor Wilke from Gethsemane in Saginaw, and Pastor Naumann will all be participating in conducting the special service which will focus on the 500 year anniversary of the publishing of Martin Luther's "Three Treatises" (1520). If you need a ride, please talk to Pastor.

CLC CALL NEWS: Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann has **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> 2020 Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Stephen Sydow has **accepted** the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus counselor. <> Mrs. Bethany Gurgel has **received** the call to serve as the female counterpart in ILC's on-campus counseling program. <>

Recently colloquized former WELS pastor Johnathan Schnose has **received** the call to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN as well as Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Professor John Reim, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI has announced his retirement effective at the end of the school year in May, 2021.

CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. The position would require someone seminary trained with the ability to teach primarily music, college Greek, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2021-22 academic year. The person would serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, potentially teaching piano and organ. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2020 (letters postmarked November 10, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Wittorps

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance 10/4/20 = 15

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$52,307.69
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,632.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$62,695.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,624.94

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 10/13	7pm	Elders Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed. 10/14	7pm	Online Bible Class
Thu. 10/15	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sat. 10/17	2pm	Evangelism Workshop Webinar
Sun. 10/18	10am	Mission Festival Service (Pastor Schaller preaching)
Sun. 10/25	3pm	4 th Quarter Voters Meeting
Sun. 11/1	10am	Reformation Sunday Service
	4pm	Joint Reformation Service Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI

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**, is recovering from a life-threatening infection. **Pastor Naumann’s** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemo treatment.

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