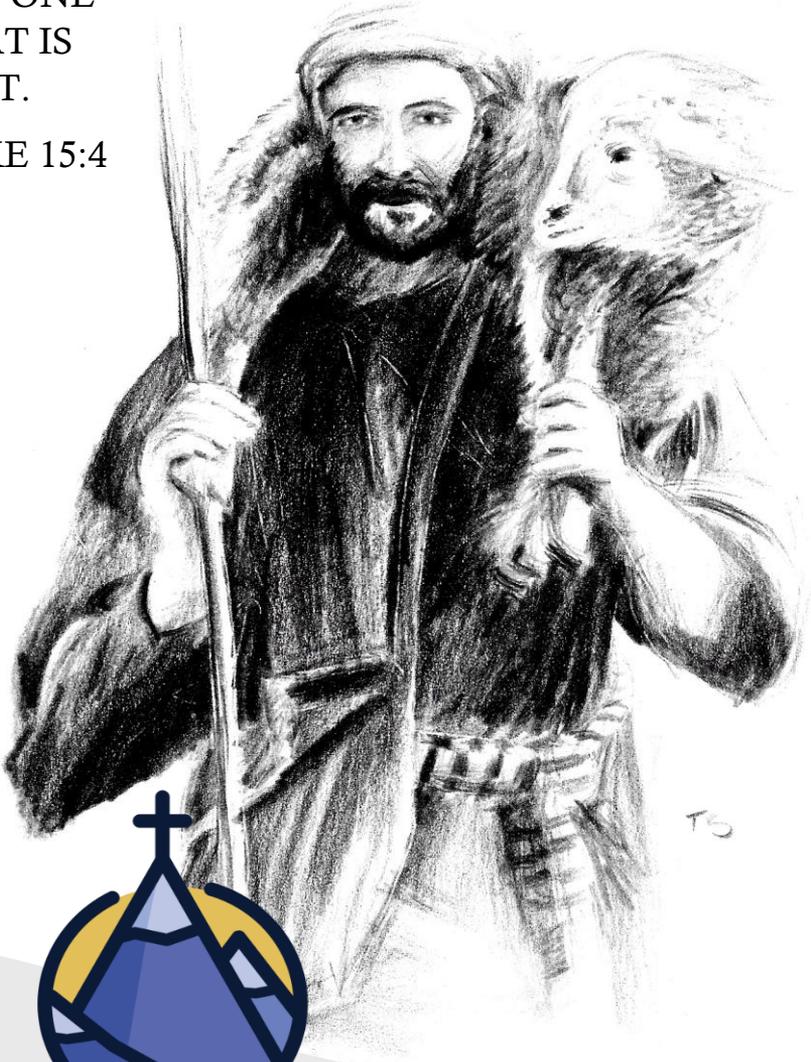


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GO AFTER
THE ONE
THAT IS
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LUKE 15:4



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Mission Festival Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O Almighty God, use us to witness our faith in Your Son Jesus Christ. Accomplish this great work with our family, friends, and close neighbors, then, as you have commanded, to all the world. Keep Jesus Christ and Him crucified the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. In His saving name. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

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 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!

Responsive Reading

- P** Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
- C** **Declare His glory among the nations.** (*Psalm 96:2-3*)
- P** Jesus commands us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
- C** **Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**
- P** Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

C And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:19-20)

P Jesus reminds us: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

C He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” *(Mark 16:15-16)*

P Jesus informs us: “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

C And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” *(Luke 24:46-47)*

P Jesus assures us: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

C If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” *(John 20:23)*

P Jesus promises us: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

C And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” *(Acts 1:8)*

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! You have heard the commands, reminders, assurances, and promises of our Savior regarding our roles within His kingdom work. Let us examine both our hearts and our lives, for by doing so we will find reason to approach God with repentant hearts. Let us do so seeking His forgiveness.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of our many sins. We have not always taken Your command to disciple the nations as seriously as we should, but rather have frequently been preoccupied with our own thoughts and desires. You have commanded us to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth, but we must confess that all too often we fail to be witnesses in our own back yards. O Lord, have mercy upon us and by Your grace forgive us. Create within us new hearts and renew us by giving us steadfast spirits, so that we heed Your calls and proclaim the good news of Your salvation.

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives

us all our sins, including those sins involved in our work in His kingdom. To all who believe on His name, He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Indeed, whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . Almighty and gracious God, You desire all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross, that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:9-11*

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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. ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and

sit with him. ³² 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ 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.

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the Third Article

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn 770 (WS2000): *I Hear the Savior Calling*

1. I hear the Savior calling!
The Gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness
Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless
To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me,
And now He calls for me!

2. I hear the Savior calling!
He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish,
One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer
Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven—
My Savior calls for me!

**3. I hear the Savior calling!
He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able,
Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others
Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings—
My Savior calls for me!**

**4. I hear the Savior calling!
He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness
To share my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added,
No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel—
My Savior calls for me!**

**5. I hear the Savior calling!
His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying;
Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior,
This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission,
For You are calling me!**

The Sermon: Luke 15:1-10 (NIV84)

Pastor David Schaller Guest Preaching

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?" ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

THEME: Mission Work is Joyful Work

Hymn 512 (TLH): *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

1. *O Christ, our true and only Light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Thy voice
And in Thy fold with us rejoice.*
2. *Fill with the radiance of Thy grace
The souls now lost in error's maze
And all whom in their secret minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.*
3. *Oh, gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let every conscience sore oppress
In Thee find peace and heavenly rest.*
4. *Oh, make the deaf to hear Thy Word
And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord,
Who dare not yet the faith avow,
Though secretly they hold it now.*
5. *Shine on the darkened and the cold,
Recall the wanderers to Thy fold,
Unite all those who walk apart,
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,*
6. *So they with us may evermore
Such grace with wondering thanks adore
And endless praise to Thee be given
By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.*

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

P Father, grant that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed among us and throughout the world in all its truth and purity, and that we and all believers may live holy and consecrated lives to the glory of Your Holy Name.

C Thy Kingdom come.

P Grant that the proclamation of the Gospel may bear much fruit that many men, women, and children from every nation, tribe, and language may be brought into Your Kingdom of Grace and to the eternal glory of heaven.

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P Grant that we may never forget that it is Your Will that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that we may always remember that we are to be witnesses for Christ to the farthest regions of the earth.

C Give us this day our daily bread.

P Grant that we may always remember that the earth and everything in it is Yours and that everything we have is from You. Teach us to trust You completely for our daily needs so that we may be moved to share our blessings with others and return to You a large measure of the gifts You have entrusted to us.

C And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P Forgive us for all the times we have given offense and thus kept others from coming to You. Give us grateful hearts that we may forgive those who trespass against us, that we may love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who mistreat us so that we might by all means lead some to Christ.

C And lead us not into temptation.

P Grant that Satan, the world, and our own flesh may not tempt us to neglect the supreme task of the Church. Grant that we may never be tempted to use our God-given talents to our own glory and selfish interests, but that we may always use these talents to proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C But deliver us from evil.

P Protect us from all harm and danger, and grant that we may boldly confess our faith in Jesus Christ no matter what the circumstances, no matter what may be the result. Grant that we may be willing and happy to deny ourselves and take up the cross of self-sacrifice so that Christ may be honored. Watch over our missionaries and their families, especially as they go into foreign lands and dangers. We commend them to Your gracious care and keeping.

C 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 496:1,4 (TLH): *Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying*

**1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheave away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**

**4. Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**

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.

TODAY'S MISSION FESTIVAL SPEAKER: We thank Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI for bringing us the gospel message this morning! Pastor Naumann is preaching at Gethsemane in Saginaw as part of a three-way pastoral exchange.

REFRESHMENTS are being provided following the service. All are welcome and encouraged to stick around to visit.

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 was yesterday afternoon. The Outreach Committee presented on the theme: "Preaching to Prosperity: How to evangelize to those who believe in the 'Prosperity Gospel.'" Thanks to all who virtually attended!

A BRIDAL SHOWER BRUNCH for Michelle VanderVoord is being planned by the ladies of Mt. Zion for next Sunday at 11:30am. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. Congratulations to the soon-to-be bride!

THE 4th QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled to take place remotely next Sunday, October 25 at 3pm. Voters, keep an eye on your email inbox for details. If you are not able to attend, please inform President Wittorp asap.

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 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: Recently colloquized former WELS pastor Johnathan Schnose has **received** two calls. The first to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN. The second to serve as resident vacancy pastor to the joint parish of Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and 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: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance 10/11/20 = 14 <> Online Bible Class 10/14/20 = 7

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$53,615.38
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,774.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$64,451.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,700.06

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Mission Festival Service (Pastor Schaller preaching)
	11am	Refreshments Served
Wed. 10/21	7pm	Online Bible Class
		Join with this link: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Sun. 10/25	11:30am	Bridal Shower for Michelle VanderVoord
	3pm	4 th Quarter Voters Meeting
Sun. 11/1	10am	Reformation Sunday Service
	4pm	Joint Reformation Service
		Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI
Tue. 11/10	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun. 11/15	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

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. **Pastor Naumann’s** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemo treatment. **Adam Lucas** is at a hospital in Pontiac receiving care related to a mental health condition.

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