

November 8, 2020



I HAVE
ENGRAVED YOU

ON THE PALMS OF
MY HANDS.

ISAIAH 49:16

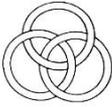


MT. ZION

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23rd 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 Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 543 (TLH): *When, Streaming from the Eastern Skies*

**1. When, streaming from the
eastern skies,**

*The morning light salutes my eyes,
O Sun of Righteousness Divine,
On me with beams of mercy shine;
Chase the dark clouds of sin away
And turn my darkness into day.*

**3. When each day's scenes and
labors close**

*And wearied nature seeks repose,
With pardoning mercy, richly blest,
Guard me, my Savior, while I rest;
And as each morning's sun shall rise,
Oh, lead me onward to the skies!*

**2. When to heaven's great and
glorious King**

*My morning sacrifice I bring
And, grieving o'er my guilt and shame,
Ask mercy, Savior, in Thy name.
My conscience sprinkle with Thy blood
And be my Advocate with God.*

**4. And at my life's last
setting sun,**

*My conflict o'er, my labor done,
Jesus, Thy heavenly radiance shed
To cheer and bless my dying bed
And from death's gloom my spirit raise
To see Thy face and sing Thy praise.*

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 Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:3-15

Knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. ⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 96 Selected Verses*

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

P For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

C He is to be feared above all gods.

- P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
- C** **But the LORD made the heavens.**
- P** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
- C** **Tremble before him, all the earth!**
- P** Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established;
- C** **It shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- P** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
- C** **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**
- P** Let the field exult, and everything in it!
- C** **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**
- P** Before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
- C** **He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:20-33*

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." ²² And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot--they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all-- ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

- 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.

The Confirmation of Michael Boyce and Aubriana Titus

Confirmation Hymn 686 (LSB): *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(See back page of bulletin for music and lyrics)

The Sermon: *Isaiah 49:13-18*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. ¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." ¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. ¹⁷ Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from

you. ¹⁸ Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the LORD, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does.

THEME: The LORD Never Forgets You

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 268 (TLH): Zion Mourns in Fear and Anguish *Sung to the tune of 401*

1. ***Zion mourns in fear and anguish, Zion, city of our God.
"Ah," she says, "how sore I languish, Bowed beneath the chastening rod!
For my God forsook me quite And forgot my sorry plight
Mid these troubles now distressing, Countless woes my soul oppressing.***
2. ***"Once," she mourns, "He promised plainly That His help should e'er be near;
Yet I now must seek Him vainly In my days of woe and fear.
Will His anger never cease? Will He not renew His peace?
Will He not show forth compassion And again forgive transgression?"***
3. ***"Zion, surely I do love thee," Thus to her the Savior saith,
"Though with many woes I prove thee And thy soul is sad to death.
For My troth is pledged to thee; Zion, thou art dear to Me.
Deep within My heart I've set thee, That I never can forget thee.***
4. ***"Let not Satan make thee craven; He can threaten, but not harm.
On My hands thy name is graven, And thy shield is My strong arm.
How, then, could it ever be I should not remember thee,
Fail to build thy wall, My city, And look down on thee with pity?"***

**5. "Ever shall Mine eyes behold thee; On My bosom thou art laid.
 Ever shall My love enfold thee; Never shalt thou lack Mine aid.
 Neither Satan, war, nor stress Then shall mar thy happiness:
 With this blessed consolation Be thou firm in tribulation."**

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...

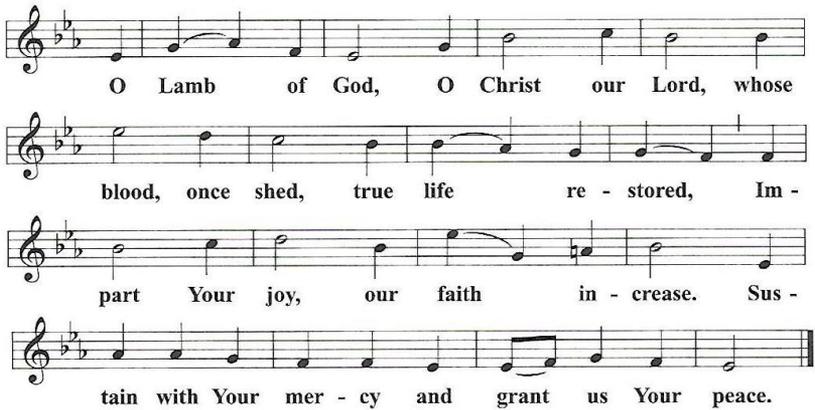
Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

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 - crease. 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*

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 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, 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.

C Amen!

Hymn 413:5-6 (TLH): *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

*5. I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.*

*6. My walk is heavenward all the way;
Await my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye
From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heavenward all the way.*

I will not forget you.
I have carved you on the
palm of my hand
Isaiah 49:15

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for “a stone of help” set up to give thanks for God’s assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS AT MT. ZION! We welcome Mike Boyce and Anna Titus into our fellowship in the name of Jesus, and we give praise and glory to our LORD for His gift of these like-minded believers to our congregation!

CONGRATULATIONS to Carl and Michelle Ryan (nee VanderVoord) who were united in the bonds of holy matrimony yesterday at Historic Trinity Church in downtown Detroit. May God bless them in their new life as one!

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm MN has **received** call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

ONLINE OPTION FOR CHURCH OFFERINGS: Just a reminder that if you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your android or iPhone device. Once you sign up with your email you will have the option to choose how you would like to pay. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. When you sign up use the referral code XMQCLBR. Using this code will give you and the church each \$5 after you make your first transaction of \$5 or more. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmtzion". If you have any questions, please speak with Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL **Offering numbers are from 11/1/20*

In-Person Attend. 11/1/20 = 14 <> Online BC Attend. 10/28/20 = 9

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$56,230.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,385.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$66,836.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,795.46

SERVING US THIS WEEK

November Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Communion Worship Service
Tue. 11/10	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed. 11/	7pm	Online Bible Class (The Book of Acts)
		Join with this link: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Sun. 11/15	4pm	Cleveland Worship Service
Tue. 11/17	7pm	Outreach Meeting
Sun. 11/22	10am	Thanksgiving Sunday Service
		(Layservice; Pastor Naumann out of town)
Sun. 11/29	11am	Church Christmas Decoration
	3pm	Voters Meeting (remotely via Google Meet)
		Officer Elections for 2021
Wed. 12/2	7pm	1 st Midweek Advent 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.