

December 27, 2020



THE CHILD GREW...
AND  THE
**FAVOR OF
GOD**
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church
Madison Heights, MI

Pastor Tom Naumann
(248) 677-7242

mtzionlutheran.info



1st Sunday after Christmas

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Savior, graciously forgive our many sins. Supply us with hearts prepared by Your holy Word to worship You even as those believers, Simeon and Anna of old, who by faith believed and waited for Your first coming into the world. Guard and keep us through that Word until Your second appearance, when You will come in all power and glory to judge the world. In Your name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 136 (TLH 136): *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship,
Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.</p> <p>3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship,
Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.</p> | <p>2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light:
Come and worship:
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.</p> <p>4. Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His Temple shall appear:
Come and worship,
Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.</p> |
|--|---|

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: *Colossians 3:12-17*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 111 Selected Verses*

- P** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
C **In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
C **Studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C **And his righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has shown his people the power of his works,
C **In giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C **All his precepts are trustworthy;**
- P** They are established forever and ever,
C **To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** He sent redemption to his people;
C **He has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**
- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
C **All those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**



The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon 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 Apostles' 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 711 (WS2000): *See in Yonder Manger Low*

*1. See in yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below,
See--the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.*

Refrain:

*Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*2. Lo, within a stable lies He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]*

*3. Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this. [Refrain]*

*4. Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee In Thy sweet humility. [Refrain]*

The Sermon: *Isaiah 61:10-11*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

THEME: Christmas Isn't Over Yet!

- I. God gives you the perfect outfit for the occasion
- II. God gives you the perfect attitude for celebration

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 715 (WS2000): *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

- 1. Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred,
But there is room and welcome there for me. (2x)*
- 2. In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me. (2x)*
- 3. How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me. (2x)*
- 4. Can I, will I forget how love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me? (2x)*

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.

G Amen!

Hymn 87:1 (TLH): *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing. (3x)

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 to the members of Mt. Zion for the monetary Christmas gift to the Naumanns. We are humbled once again by your great generosity. Especially in the difficult year of 2020, you have shown us such abundant Christian support and encouragement. Thank you being our church family. We can't wait to see what the LORD has in store for our congregation in the years to come! In Christ, Pastor, Ashley, Aurora, and Jed.

CHURCH OFFICER INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY: The following 2021 church officers will be installed in next Sunday's church service: President Randy Wittorp (1yr); Vice President Ben Mueller (1yr); Secretary David Fobear (1yr); Treasurer Matt Fobear (1yr); Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear (1yr); Trustee Carl Ryan (3yrs); Elder Matt Fobear (3yrs); Elder Nathan Fobear (1yr); Board of Finance: Carl Ryan (1yr) and Ben Mueller (1yr).

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 remotely at 1pm. 2020 Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their 2020 annual reports to President Randy Wittorp by January 10 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting.

THE MAISIE WITTORP CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEMORIAL FUND has been created for our congregation by Mary Ryan and Emily Schlegelmilch (mother and sister of Danielle Wittorp) to collect funds for Sunday School materials, Vacation Bible School, a future Christian Day School, baptismal supplies, or anything we may need for the Christian education of current and future children of Mt. Zion. If you would like to contribute to this fund you may do so any time during the year and in the future. Checks may be sent directly to the church with a note referencing this Memorial Fund. Mt. Zion is also set up to receive donations digitally using Cash App on your mobile device. \$cashtag: "\$clcmztion".

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. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion". Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Michael Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has **accepted** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has **received** the call to Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to be upper grade teacher and principal.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance Sunday 12/20 = 18
 In-Person Attendance Christmas Eve 12/24 = 20

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,692.31	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$68,653.85
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,414.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$78,400.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3,258.02

SERVING US THIS WEEK

December Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Matt and Susan Fobear

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 1/3	10am	Worship Service with Communion
Wed. 1/6	7pm	Online Bible Class Resumes
Sun. 1/10	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 1/12	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
1/19	7pm	Outreach Meeting
1/24	1pm	1 st 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. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is under home hospice awaiting the Lord's good timing to take her home.