

January 3, 2021



Give your servant  
therefore an  
understanding mind.



1 Kings 3:9

**MT. ZION**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 706 (WS2000):** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

#### **Refrain:**

***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. [Refrain]***
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]***
- 3. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]***

**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** 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.**

**1** 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 - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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

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: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 119:97-104*

**P** Oh how I love your law!

**C** It is my meditation all the day.

**P** Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

**C** For it is ever with me.

**P** I have more understanding than all my teachers,

**C** For your testimonies are my meditation.

**P** I understand more than the aged,

**C** For I keep your precepts.

**P** I hold back my feet from every evil way,

**C** In order to keep your word.

**P** I do not turn aside from your rules,

**C** For you have taught me.



- P** How sweet are your words to my taste,
- C** **Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**
- P** Through your precepts I get understanding;
- C** **Therefore I hate every false way.**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:40-52**

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**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.

### Installation of Church Officers

*President Randy Wittorp (1yr)*

*Vice President Ben Mueller (1yr)*

*Secretary David Fobear (1yr)*

*Treasurer Matt Fobear (1yr)*

*Trustee Carl Ryan (3yr)*

*Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear (1yr)*

*Bd. of Fi. Carl Ryan and Ben Mueller (1yr)*

*Elder Nathan Fobear (1yr)*

*Elder Matt Fobear (3yr)*

### Hymn 125 (TLH): *The Old Year Now hath Passed Away*

**1. The old year now hath passed away; We thank Thee, O our God, today  
That Thou hast kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**

**2. We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,  
To guard and rule Thy Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**

**3. Take not Thy saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay.  
Abide with us and keep us free From errors, following only Thee.**

**4. Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!  
Mark not what once was done amiss; A happier, better year be this,**

**5. Wherein as Christians we may live Or die in peace that Thou canst give,  
To rise again when Thou shalt come And enter Thine eternal home.**

**6. There shall we thank Thee and adore With all the angels evermore.  
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith To praise Thy name through life and death.**

### **The Sermon: 1 Kings 3:3-15**

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. <sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day." <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### **THEME: New Beginnings Need the Right Kind of Wisdom**

I. Humble Wisdom    II. Discerning Wisdom    III. God's Wisdom

## 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 764 (WS2000): *God of Grace and God of Glory*

- God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*
- Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us -  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*
- Heal your children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*
- Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.*

## 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.

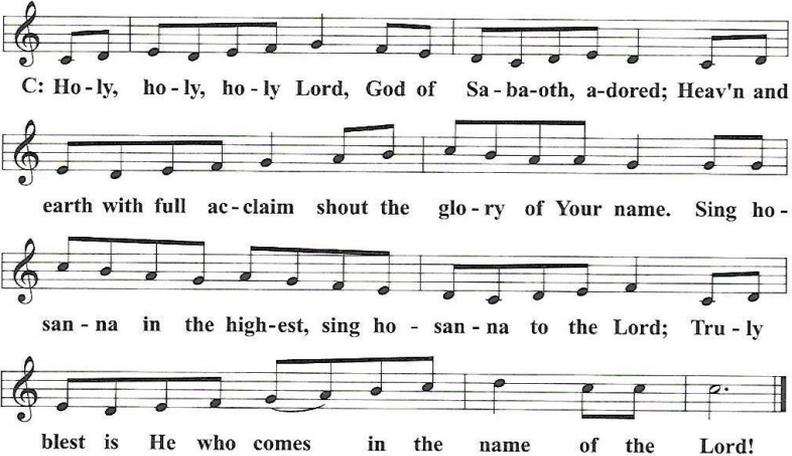
**C** And also with you.

**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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen; 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*



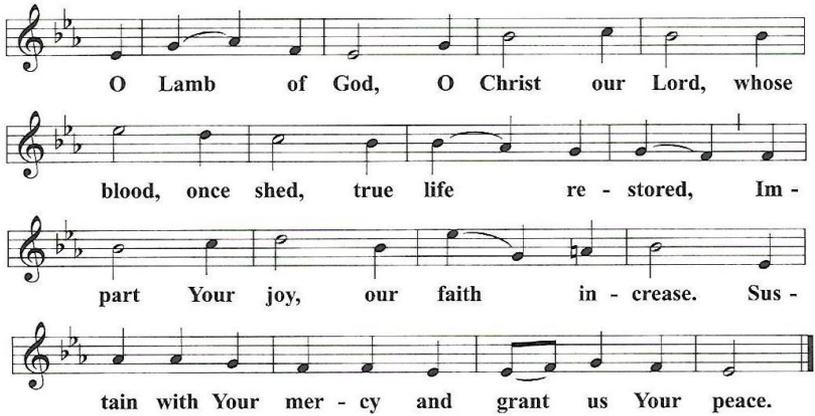
C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.

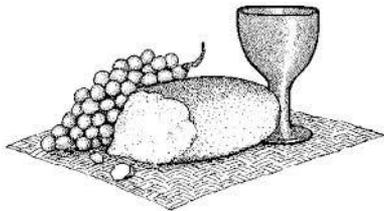
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### **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.

**G** Amen!

**Hymn 120:1 (TLH):** *Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter*

***1. Help us, O Lord! Behold, we enter  
Upon another year today;  
In Thee our hopes and thoughts now center,  
Renew our courage for the way.  
New life, new strength, new happiness,  
We ask of Thee, -- oh, hear and 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.

**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 UNDECORATING:** If you can stay for a little while after church today, please help take down the indoor and outdoor church Christmas decorations. It shouldn't take too long. Many hands make light work!

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**WEDNESDAY ONLINE BIBLE CLASS** resumes this Wednesday at 7pm on Google Meet: [meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd](https://meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd). We continue our study of the Book of Acts picking up in chapter 16. If you can find the time, it would be good to review chapters 1-15 in preparation.

**THE 1<sup>st</sup> 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: "\$clcmztzion".

**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 “\$clcmztzion”. 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 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 = 13

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,692.31	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$70,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,004.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$79,671.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3,308.86

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

January Usher: <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Wed. 1/6</b>	7pm	Online Bible Class Resumes Use this link to join: <a href="https://meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd">meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd</a>
<b>Sun. 1/10</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Tue. 1/12</b>	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>1/19</b>	7pm	Outreach Meeting
<b>1/24</b>	1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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.