

January 31, 2021



AND THE
PEOPLE OF

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BELIEVED
GOD.
JONAH 3:5

MT. ZION

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 428 (TLH): *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

- 1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.*
- 2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.*
- 3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.*
- 4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.*
- 5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.*
- 6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.*

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.

P 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: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none,³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods,³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 62 Selected Verses*

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- C** From him comes my salvation.
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- C** I shall not be greatly shaken.
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
- C** For my hope is from him.
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- C** I shall not be shaken.
- P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;
- C** My mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- P** Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
- C** If riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- P** Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
- C** That power belongs to God,
- P** And that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
- C** For you will render to a man according to his work.



The Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed 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 324:1-4,6-7 (TLH): *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

***1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve-- Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim. Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe-- Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***3. Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh:
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live-- Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***4. Come, ye sinners, one and all, Come, accept His invitation;
Come, obey His gracious call, Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***6. Oh, how blest it is to know; Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter Passion:
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***7. Now my conscience is at peace, From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release And my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve,-- Jesus sinners doth receive.***

The Sermon: *Jonah 3:1-10*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

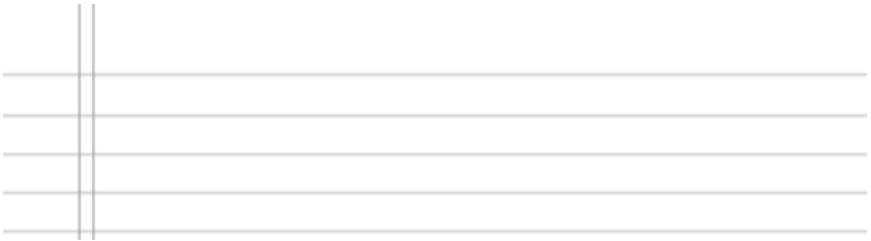
⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out

mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

THEME: God's Call to Repentance and Forgiveness is for ALL

- I. Even Jonah
- II. Even the Ninevites
- III. Even You and Me



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 709 (WS2000): *God Loves Me Dearly*

**1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

**Refrain: Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

**2. I was in bondage, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free...Refrain...**

**3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free...Refrain...**

**4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed...Refrain...**

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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)

☩ 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.

☩ Amen!

Closing Hymn 199:4 (TLH): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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.

NO USHERING OUT OF CHURCH: The cold winter weather has made it quite uncomfortable to visit outdoors following service. So in order to maintain social distancing indoors, we will no longer be ushering out of the sanctuary. Rather, we encourage worshippers to remain spaced out in the pews while visiting after the service. Feel free to dismiss yourself when you're ready to leave.

NEW COMMUNION REGISTRATION PRACTICE: It is quite common throughout Christianity for churches to ask their members to register their names before communing on a particular Sunday. This helps the pastor and church elders keep track of monthly communicants to ensure that all communicant members are regularly receiving the wonderful, sin-forgiving sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus. In the past, Mt. Zion's pastor has been solely responsible for recording the names of those who commune. However, as Mt. Zion's membership has increased and especially considering the current pandemic with some members worshipping from home, beginning on February 7 we will now be asking all communicants to please register either via email or in-person on a sign-up sheet that will be available in the back of church. Thank you!

Q1 VOTERS MEETING (1/24/21) SUMMARY: Opened with prayer at 1:03pm... Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted... Pastor's annual report read and accepted... Treasurer and Financial Secretary annual reports read but not accepted due to discrepancy between financial figures. Voters requested an investigation to reconcile the discrepancy and then a resubmission of the reports... Board of Trustees, Outreach Committee, and President's annual reports read and accepted... No Hymnal Committee report... No old business... New business included: MMC to budget 10% of 2021 general fund to the CLC's CBP. A total amount of \$9,320... MMC to adopt the 2021 proposed budget (total budgeted offering amount: \$80,000)... MMC to adopt the 2021 IRS mileage rate of \$0.56... MMC to set 2021 parsonage allowance at \$15,200... MMC to retain 2020 CLC Convention delegates for the 2021 CLC Convention: Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan as primaries, Matt Fobear as secondary... MMC to adopt the 2021 Q1 calendar as presented (including Midweek Lent exchange with Gethsemane, Saginaw and Redeemer, Sister Lakes)... Next meeting date set for April 18, 2021 at 1pm... Meeting adjourned and closed with blessing at 3:09pm. – Respectfully submitted by Pastor Naumann on behalf of Mt. Zion Secretary David Fobear.

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 Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Education Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021. <> Mrs. Jennifer Roehl, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to serve as ILC’s part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program. This role is to complement Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: Randy Wittorp <> Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attend. Sunday 1/24 = 20 // Online BC Attend. Wed 1/27 = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$6,153.85
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,611.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$5,128.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$512.80

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 2/3	7pm	Online Bible Class Resumes Use this link to join: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Sun. 2/7	9am	Sunday Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service w/ Communion (Epiphany 4)
Thu. 2/11	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 2/17	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent begins)
Sun. 2/21	4pm	Cleveland 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. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May.