

February 7, 2021



THE PEOPLE
WERE AMAZED
AT HIS TEACHING,
BECAUSE HE
TAUGHT THEM
AS ONE WHO
HAD **AUTHORITY.**

MARK 1:22, NIV



MT. ZION

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4th 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 53 (TLH): *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

- 1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**
- 2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**
- 3. Abide with heavenly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Thy truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**
- 4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Thy Word.**
- 5. Abide with Thy protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**
- 6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

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 Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers--it is to him you shall listen--¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 1*

- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
P But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C And on his law he meditates day and night.
P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C In all that he does, he prospers.
P The wicked are not so,
C But are like chaff that the wind drives away.
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C But the way of the wicked will perish.



The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"-- ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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.

Hymn 413:1,4-6 (TLH): *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

*1. I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.*

*4. I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;
All Satan's power is held at bay When heavenly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels 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.*

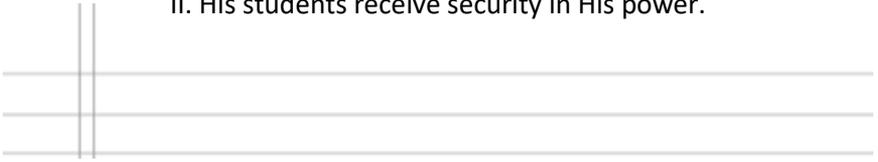
*6. My walk is heavenward all the way; Await my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.*

The Sermon: Mark 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God."²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

THEME: Jesus is Not Your Average Teacher

- I. His students receive strength from His Word.
- II. His students receive security in His power.



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 849 LSB: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons,
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory; 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.

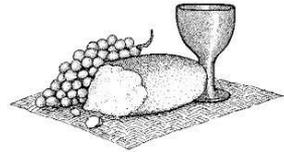
Distribution of the Sacrament

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

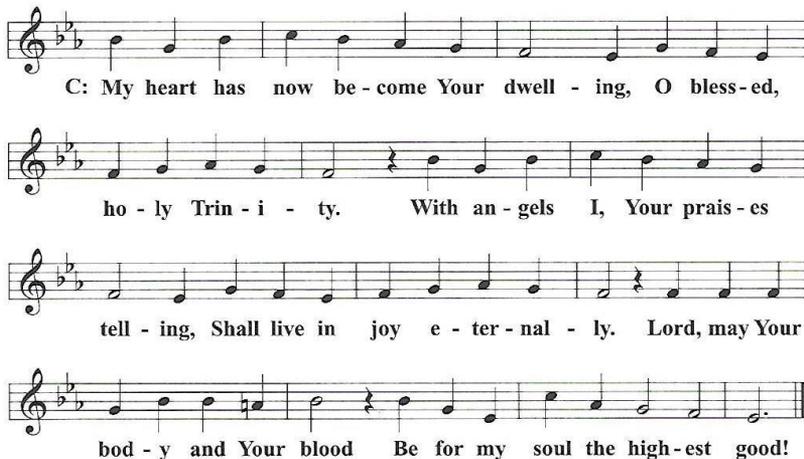
light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is

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!

Closing Hymn 775:6 (TLH): *Thy Strong Word*

6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Worship at Mt. Zion

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11)!

We believe that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” We recognize that in our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17) God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

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.

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

LIFT MEETING: Mt. Zion's women's group meets remotely today at 2:00pm. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. Here is a direct link to join: meet.google.com/ysx-ttsw-xsb

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 Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **returned** 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. <> Teacher Valerie Hammett, Messiah, Eau Claire, has **received** the call to be the lower grade teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Teacher Andrew Roehl, Messiah, Eau Claire, has **received** the call to serve as principal and teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye MN. <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner, who is teaching public school in the Milwaukee, WI area has **received** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire to teach in the upper grades. <> Teacher June Schmid, who is currently teaching part time at Messiah, Eau Claire has **received** the call from Messiah to teach full time in the lower grades. <> Mrs. Jennifer Roehl, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

February Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attend. Sunday 1/31 = 13 // Online BC Attend. Wed 2/3 = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$7,692.31
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,121.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$6,951.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$635.10
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$600.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 2/10	7pm	Online Bible Class Use this link to join: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Thu. 2/11	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 2/14	9am	Sunday Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service w/ Communion (Transfiguration)
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.