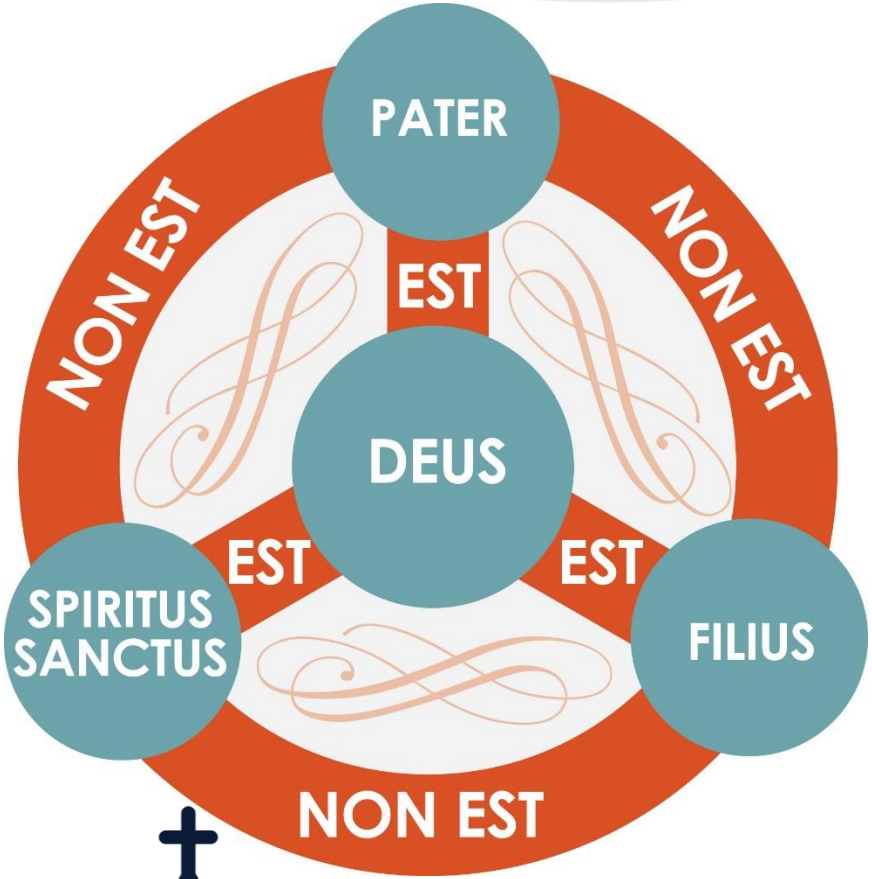


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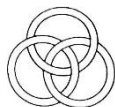


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Trinity Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Almighty and everlasting God, Who has taught us to know and to confess the true faith, that in three persons of equal power and glory You are the one true and everlasting God, and to be worshipped as such, we pray that you would keep us at all times steadfast in this faith against any and all evils that may attack us. Through Your saving triune name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 239 (TLH): *Come, Thou Almighty King*

- 1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise!
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend;
Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success;
Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!**
- 3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power!**
- 4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
His sovereign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore!**

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: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 150*

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;
- C** Praise him in his mighty heavens!
- P** Praise him for his mighty deeds;
- C** Praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- P** Praise him with trumpet sound;
- C** Praise him with lute and harp!
- P** Praise him with tambourine and dance;
- C** Praise him with strings and pipe!
- P** Praise him with sounding cymbals;
- C** Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- P** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
- C** Praise the LORD!



The Gospel Reading: *John 3:1-17*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 Athanasian Creed

The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the universal faith. In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal Christian faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P** And the universal Christian faith is this,
- C** **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
- C** **So also are we prohibited by the universal Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**
- P** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

C The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

P The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

C Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

P And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

C But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

P Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

C But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

C He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

P And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

P One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

P Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C This is the universal faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved. Amen.

Hymn 246 (TLH): *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

1. *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!*
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,*
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,*
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Sermon: *Romans 8:14-17*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Theme: ADOPTED BY THE TRIUNE GOD

- I. God the Father has chosen you.
- II. God the Son has freed you.
- III. God the Holy Spirit has welcomed 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 800 (TLH): *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My Children; I will keep you And give you peace.

The Offering of Thankful Hearts *In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse (788:1):*

***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

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 644 (TLH): Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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. 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 Fi. Sec. Nathan Fobear.

MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING UPDATE FOR CHURCH: On Thursday, May 20, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' orders requiring face coverings were lifted. Mt. Zion's Board of Elders met this past Tuesday, May 25 and has decided that beginning today our Worship and Bible Class will be mask-optional and social distancing will NOT be required. Please keep the following in mind: 1) We advise our members to be aware of CDC information on the subject of vaccinations and masks, to make their own health care decisions, and to be sensitive to the concerns of others. *Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* 2) We will continue to live stream Bible Class and Worship for our at-a-distance members and anyone else unable to attend in person. 3) We thank our LORD for the opportunity to sing His praises together as we breathe easier!

SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE begins next week with regular Sunday worship remaining at 10am and Bible Class in recess. Bible Class resumes in September following Labor Day.

DIVINE CALL: I have received a divine call from Living Savior Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, MN, to be their full-time pastor. I now have two divine calls – one here to serve Mt. Zion congregation, and one to serve Living Savior congregation. As I prayerfully consider these calls, this is the main question: At which location (here or there) can I best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me I welcome your comments, advice, and opinions. I ask for your prayers! – In Christ, Pastor Naumann.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is July 12-14, Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:30am. We need volunteers to teach, do crafts, oversee snacks and recess. Please speak to Ashley Naumann if you can help.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN / DAILY REST RENEWAL: It’s time to renew our congregational subscriptions to the *Lutheran Spokesman* and *Daily Rest*. The *Lutheran Spokesman* (CLC monthly magazine) is paid for by Mt. Zion for each member family. Please verify your mailing address on the white sheet of paper near the guest book. If you are not a subscriber, please speak with Pastor to sign up. *Daily Rest* (the CLC quarterly devotional) has a subscription cost \$15/yr. If you are a current subscriber or would like to begin subscribing, please confirm/add your address on the pink sheet of paper near the guest book and submit your \$15 in the offering plate or via CashApp and be sure to earmark your payment “for Daily Rest.”

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Recently collouquized Pastor Luke Willitz has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has **received** the call to be the primary teacher/principal of Valley Bible Academy, St. John's, Clarkston, WA. <> Mrs. Erika Hart, a member of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has **accepted** the call to teach Kindergarten at Immanuel, Mankato, MN. <> Mrs. Sara (Pfeiffer) Gurath, a member of Gift of God, Mapleton, ND has **returned** the call to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. <> Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has **accepted** the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

May Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 18 // In-Person Bible Class = 6

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| Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed: | \$3,076.92 | Total Offerings Needed YTD: | \$32,307.69 |
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Received: | \$2,778.00 | Total Offerings Received YTD: | \$32,881.00 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): | | | \$3,288.10 |

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

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| Tue. 6/1 | 7pm | Elders Meeting |
| | 7:30pm | Council Meeting |
| | 8pm | Outreach Meeting |
| Sun. 6/6 | 9am | NO Bible Class (in recess thru Labor Day) |
| | 10am | Worship Service (w/ Communion) |
| Mon.-Tue. 6/7-6/8 | | Great Lakes Delegate Conference in Fond du Lac, WI. Attending: Pastor Naumann, Carl Ryan, Randy Wittorp |
| Thu.-Sun. 6/24-6/27 | | 2021 CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI Attending: Pastor Naumann, Carl Ryan, Randy Wittorp |
| Mon.-Wed. 7/12-7/14 | | Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am Volunteers Needed! Talk to Ashley Naumann! |
| Sun. 7/25 | 12pm | Church Picnic |

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) has returned with his Army National Guard unit from serving overseas in Kuwait. Praise the LORD for preserving our brother in his service to our nation!