

May 9, 2021



"Abide in my love."
JOHN 15:9



MT. ZION

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6th Sunday in Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High, Who no longer dwells on earth in lowliness and poverty, but are seated at the right hand of the Father, Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, filling and ruling all, we ask You to send us Your Holy Spirit. Mightily protect Your Kingdom, until all enemies are laid at Your feet, and we overcome sin, death, and all things. In Your name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 735 (WS2000): *Long Before the World Is Waking*

- 1. Long before the world is waking, Morning mist on Galilee,
From the shore, as dawn is breaking, Jesus calls across the sea;
Hails the boat of weary men, Bids them cast their net again.**
- 2. So they cast, and all their heaving Cannot haul their catch aboard;
John in wonder turns, perceiving, Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"
Peter waits for nothing more, Plunges in to swim ashore.**
- 3. Charcoal embers brightly burning, Bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning In his risen life arrayed;
As of old his friends to greet, "Here is breakfast; come and eat."**
- 4. Christ is risen! Grief and sighing, Sins and sorrows, fall behind;
Fear and failure, doubt, denying, Full and free forgiveness find.
All the soul's dark night is past, Morning breaks in joy at last.**
- 5. Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us, Feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As His faithful friends He greets us, Partners of his work and will.
All our days, on ev'ry shore, Christ is ours for evermore!**

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 First Reading: *Acts 11:19-26*

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 98*

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
- C** He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
- C** Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
- C** With the lyre and the sound of melody!
- P** With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- C** Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

- P** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- C** **The world and those who dwell in it!**
- P** Let the rivers clap their hands;
- C** **Let the hills sing for joy together**
- P** Before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- C** **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**



The Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- 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 760 (WS2000): *Oh, Love, How Deep*

- 1. Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortal's sake!*
- 2. He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world himself he came.*
- 3. For us baptized, for us he bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew; For us the tempter over threw.*
- 4. For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us he gave his dying breath.*
- 5. For us he rose from death again; For us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

The Sermon: *John 15:9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go

and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Theme: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- I. Abide in His love for you
- II. Love one another for Him

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 457 (TLH): *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

- 1. *What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!***
- 2. *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--Take it to the Lord in prayer.***
- 3. *Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.***

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

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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."

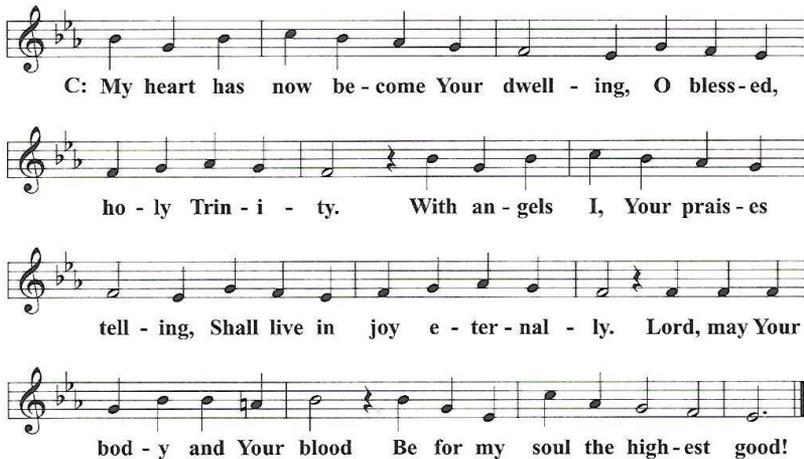
1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let 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!

Closing Hymn 200:6-8 (TLH): *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

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)

The Bible teaches 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.” 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.

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.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! *Thank God for mothers, young and old, Who live today within Christ's fold; Who pattern, as in days of yore, The godly mothers, gone before, Whose hands repose - complete their task. Thank God for these! Then Lord, we ask, Bless mothers who for us still pray. Thank God for them this Mother's Day.*

CHURCH WORKDAY: Thanks to everyone who came to help out at yesterday’s workday. The property looks great! Over a four-hour period, we were able to cut and weed-whack the grass, weed and trim the flowerbeds and planters, clean the basement, and install anchors in the exterior wall for our new outdoor vinyl banners (coming soon!). Thank you for helping beautify God’s house!

DIVINE CALL: I have received a divine call from Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cheyenne, WY, to be their full-time pastor. I now have two divine calls – one here to serve Mt. Zion congregation, and one to serve Redeemer 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 that the will of our LORD be done. – In Christ, Pastor Naumann.

CONCLUDING ACTIVITIES AT ILC: Friday, May 21, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir. On Saturday, May 22, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am. Currently these are being planned for outside on the hill by the Fieldhouse. If there is inclement weather, these events could be held indoors with a limited attendance. As the dates get closer, more details and updates will be posted on the ILC website (ilc.edu). We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye/Faith, New Ulm has **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN, <> Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Recently colloquized Pastor Johnathan Schnose, has **accepted** the call to serve Bethel, Morris, MN <> Recently collquized Pastor Luke Willitz has **received** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Chad Seybt, Morning Star, Fairchild/Trinity, Millston/Peace with God, Onalaska has **received** the call to be a part-time pastor to St. Paul's, Melrose, WI. <> Mrs. Carrie Reim has **received** the call to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Mrs. Beth Sandeen, 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, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has not **received** this call. <> Teacher Mikkela Hammond, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA has **received** the call to Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE to be their second full-time teacher for Grades 3-6. <> Teacher Nathan Buck, Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA has **accepted** the call to teach the 5th-6th grade at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

May Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 19 // In-Person Bible Class = 14

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$27,692.31
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,783.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$27,045.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,704.50

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Thur. 5/13		Ascension Day (40 days after Easter; no service this day)
Sun. 5/16	9am	NO Bible Class
	10am	Ascension Sunday Layservice (Pastor Naumann out of town)
Sun. 5/23	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.