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4th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Lord Jesus, grant us grace to recognize that we are helpless to earn our eternal salvation. Always fix our eyes of faith upon You. Send us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and nourish us in our faith that we may abound more and more in the desires and thoughts, the words and deeds, which are fruit and evidence of our faith. In Your 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** 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 – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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 – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

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 Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 92 Selected Verses*

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
P To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
C And your faithfulness by night,
P To the music of the lute and the harp,
C To the melody of the lyre.
P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
C At the works of your hands I sing for joy.
P How great are your works, O LORD!
C Your thoughts are very deep!
P The righteous flourish like the palm tree
C And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
P They are planted in the house of the LORD;
C They flourish in the courts of our God.
P They still bear fruit in old age;
C They are ever full of sap and green,
P To declare that the LORD is upright;
C He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.



The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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 Apostle's 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 507 (TLH): *Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

- 1. Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the kingdom of the Lord, Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.**
- 2. Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still, How His only Son He gave Man from sin and death to save.**
- 3. Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever doth remove By His holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.**
- 4. Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.**
- 5. Up! The ripening fields ye see. Mighty shall the harvest be; But the reapers still are few, Great the work they have to do.**
- 6. Lord of Harvest, let there be Joy and strength to work for Thee Till the nations far and near See Thy light and learn Thy fear.**

The Sermon: *Mark 4:26-32*

And [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Theme: THY STRONG WORD YIELDS THY STRONG KINGDOM

- I. We see the planting; He sees the harvest. (26-29)
- II. We see the small seed; He sees the mature plant. (30-32)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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 775:1-5 (WS2000): *Thy Strong Word*

**1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee While Thine ordered seasons run.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

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. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". 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 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 (WS2000): *Thy Strong Word*

***6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!***

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.

DIVINE CALL RETURNED: I have returned the divine call from Living Savior Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, MN, to be their full-time pastor. While there are indeed many needs of Living Savior congregation that I believe fit my skill set, nonetheless it is my confident conclusion that the Holy Spirit is leading me to remain in my current call here at Mt. Zion. Thank you very much to all of you for your prayers and thank you especially to all those who communicated with me by phone, email, text message, or in person. I found it incredibly helpful and meaningful to hear your many perspectives. I look forward to continuing to serve all of you with God’s Word. – In Christ, Pastor Naumann.

CLC CONVENTION meets June 24-27 at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Tom Naumann and Delegates Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan will represent our congregation. While in session the Convention will be live streamed. To view, search for "ilcvideos" on www.youtube.com. The Convention schedule is printed in the Convention *Prospectus*, beginning on page 6. The *Prospectus* is available online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21.

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 18th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 19-22 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 15. Information and registration can be found at redeemerclc.info.

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 **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. Redeemer has now called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, St. Louis, MO. <> Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Vanessa Wales has **received** the call to be 2-6 grade teacher at Grace, Valentine, NE. <> Mr. Andrew Roehl, 5-6th grade teacher Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to be teacher and principal at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA.

KINSHIP COVID AID: With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received lifesaving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

SERVING US THIS WEEK

June Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance Last Sunday = 16

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$36,923.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,768.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$37,094.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3,709.40

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Thu. 6/24 –		2021 CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 6/27		Attending: Pastor Naumann, Carl Ryan, Randy Wittorp
Sun. 6/27	10am	Sunday Worship Service (Matt Fobear conducting the lay service)
Mon. 7/12 –		Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
Wed. 7/14		Volunteers Needed! Talk to Ashley Naumann!
Sun. 7/18	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/19 –		Lower Michigan Youth Camp
Thu. 7/22		Pigeon Creek State Park
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. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, has received news that her cancer has returned after a couple of years in remission. **Pastor and Ashley Naumann's** niece, Adelaide Hope Naumann, was born last Monday at 23 weeks. She is only 1lb 7oz and 11in, but in stable condition at the NICU of the U of Minnesota in Minneapolis. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby in January 2022.