

August 15, 2021



**MY CUP  
OVERFLOWS  
WITH YOUR  
BLESSINGS**

PSALM 23:5

# MT. ZION

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 18 (TLH):** *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

- 1. Lord, we come before Thee now, At Thy feet we humbly bow:  
Oh, do not our suit disdain! Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?*
- 2. Lord, on Thee our souls depend; In compassion now descend,  
Fill our hearts with Thy rich grace, Tune our lips to sing Thy praise.*
- 3. In Thine own appointed way Now we seek Thee, here we stay.  
Lord, we know not how to go Till a blessing Thou bestow.*
- 4. Send some message from Thy Word That may peace and joy afford;  
Let Thy Spirit now impart Full salvation to each heart.*
- 5. Comfort those who weep and mourn, Let the time of joy return;  
Those that are cast down lift up, Make them strong in faith and hope.*
- 6. Grant that all may seek and find Thee a gracious God and kind.  
Heal the sick, the captive free; Let us all rejoice in Thee.*

#### 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 – 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.

## Glory to God in the Highest

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

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: *1 Kings 19:3-8*

Then Elijah was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 34:1-8*

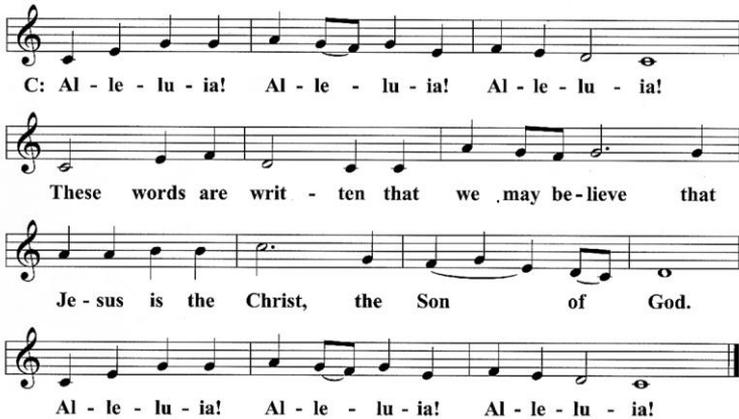
- P** I will bless the LORD at all times;
- C** His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
- C** Let the humble hear and be glad.
- P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
- C** And let us exalt his name together!
- P** I sought the LORD, and he answered me
- C** And delivered me from all my fears.
- P** Those who look to him are radiant,
- C** And their faces shall never be ashamed.
- P** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
- C** And saved him out of all his troubles.
- P** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
- C** And delivers them.
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
- C** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!



## The Gospel Reading: *John 6:41-51*

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me-- <sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**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 215 (TLH): *Draw Us to Thee***

***1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.***

***2. Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.***

***3. Draw us to Thee; Oh, grant that we May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.***

***4. Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heavenly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.***

***5. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.***

**The Sermon: *Ephesians 4:31-5:2***

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Theme: WHAT'S IN YOUR CUP?**

- I. Be emptied of your bitterness and anger
- II. Be filled with God's forgiveness and love

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## 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 436 (TLH): *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

- 1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.***
- 2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.***
- 3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.***
- 4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.***
- 5. Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.***

## 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 Scashtag is "Scslcmztion". 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 409:1 (TLH): *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

*1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world, which would deceive us  
And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading,  
Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.*

## **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 and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

**SPECIAL A/V OUTREACH MEETING TODAY:** The outreach committee will be meeting today immediately following the service to work on improving the quality of Mt. Zion's live stream audio and video.

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

**MEETINGS RESCHEDULED:** Last Tuesday night's Elders/Council/Outreach meetings have been rescheduled to this Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00pm, 7:30pm, and 8:00pm, respectively.

**CLEVELAND SERVICE RESCHEDULED:** Last Sunday's Cleveland service was canceled when Pastor's minivan blew a tire on I75 south of Detroit. The service has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 22 at 4pm at the Hughes' home in North Olmsted. Speak with Pastor if you're interested in attending.

**NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION AT REDEEMER, SISTER LAKES:** The installation of Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld at Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI is scheduled to take place on Sunday, August 29, at 4pm with a potluck meal to follow. Pastor Tom Naumann will be guest preaching and Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary, Marquette will conduct the liturgy. All CLC members are invited and encouraged to attend this joyous occasion!

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

August Usher: Randy Wittorp <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns  
Lawn Care: Randy Wittorp

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Outdoor Service/Picnic Attendance Last Sunday = 20

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$49,230.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,937.05	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$47,277.93
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$4,727.79

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	11am	Special Audio/Video Outreach Meeting
<b>Tue. 8/17</b>	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
<b>Thu. 8/19</b>	8pm	Trustees Meeting
<b>Sun. 8/22</b>	10am	Worship Service
<b>Sun. 8/29</b>	4pm	Installation of Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI
<b>Sun. 9/12</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School Begin

**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, is receiving treatment for cancer. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby in January 2022. **Matt Fobear's** father suffered a stroke this past Tuesday. His condition is stable and he is recovering at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw.