

August 22, 2021



you ate your manna in the wilderness, and they died. 29 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47

# Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." 59 He said these things and many who heard him began to say, "This is a hard saying. Who can accept it?" 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were murmuring about him because he said this, he said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who would believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said to those who believed, "Whoever comes to me unless it is granted by the Father will not come to me unless it is granted by the Father."



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## 13<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 7 (TLH): *As We Begin Another Week*

- 1. As we begin another week, In Jesus' name this boon we seek:  
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.*
- 2. Thy gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labor evermore;  
Our hearts with Thy good Spirit fill That we may gladly do Thy will.*
- 3. In every season, every place, May we regard Thy Word of grace  
Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last.*
- 4. And keep with angels in Thy rest The endless Sabbaths of the blest.  
This grant to us through Christ, Thy Son, Who reigns with Thee upon Thy throne.*

#### 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: *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup> "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

## 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,
- C** And its leaf does not wither. 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: *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving

thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 291 (TLH): *Lamp of Our Feet Whereby We Trace*

- 1. Lamp of our feet whereby we trace Our path when wont to stray;  
Stream from the fount of heavenly grace, Brook by the traveler's way.*
- 2. Bread of our souls whereon we feed, True manna from on high;  
Our guide and chart wherein we read Of realms beyond the sky;*
- 3. Pillar of fire, through watches dark, Or radiant cloud by day;  
When waves would break our tossing bark, Our anchor and our stay;*

**4. Word of the ever-living God, Will of His glorious Son;  
Without thee, how could earth be trod Or heaven itself be won?**

**5. Lord, grant us all aright to learn The wisdom it imparts  
And to its heavenly teaching turn With simple, childlike hearts.**

### **The Sermon: John 6:51-58**

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." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

### **Theme: BY FAITH WE FEAST ON THE BREAD OF LIFE**

- I. The wisdom of the world cannot perceive this.
- II. The wisdom of faith simply believes this.
- III. The wisdom of God ensures we receive this.

### **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 540 (LSB): Christ the Living Bread** *Sung to the tune of TLH 145*

**1. Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, Fore-taste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.**

**2. Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.**

**3. Christ, the way that leads unailing To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.**

**4. Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.**

**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**

**☩ 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 738:2 (TLH): Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;**

**Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.**

**Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea**

**Where the songs of all the angels Sweep across the crystal sea.**

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

**RESCHEDULED CLEVELAND SERVICE TODAY:** Two Sundays ago, Pastor's minivan blew a tire on I75 south of Detroit on the way to the Cleveland service. The service has been rescheduled to today at 4pm at the Hughes' home in North Olmsted.

**CHRISTLIKE: NEW VIDEO DEVOTION SERIES:** Pastor Naumann has begun a new video series called "Christlike: Building Christian Character." Each video devotionally examines a different Christian character trait and Law and Gospel is taught to help you build Christian character and be more like Christ in your daily life. You can find these videos every Wednesday on Mt. Zion's Facebook and Instagram pages: @clcmtzion.

**PRELIMINARY PROPERTY RELOCATION DISCUSSIONS:** In accordance with the voters' direction from the July Q3 meeting, Mt. Zion's Board of Trustees, in connection with the Board of Christian Education, is beginning to investigate the possibility of relocating our congregation to another property which would better suit our needs (especially considering the CLC's new domestic mission Christian day school initiative, see 2021 CLC Convention Summary at [bit.ly/3D70kET](http://bit.ly/3D70kET)). This investigation includes contacting and vetting local real estate agents and working with the CLC Board of Trustees to determine available financing from the CLC Church Extension Fund. All members of Mt. Zion are invited and encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions about a possible relocation. Mt Zion Trustees are Randy Wittorp, Jim Lucas, and Carl Ryan. Mt. Zion Board of Christian Ed members are Matt Fobear and Ben Mueller. Please pray over these matters as we seek to God's will for the future of our congregation.

**BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be resuming every Sunday at 9am beginning on September 12. Bible Class will be taking up the topic of "How the Church Grew," studying the history of Christianity from the end of the Book of Acts until present day. Sunday School will be taught by Mrs. Susan Fobear for our two preschool students. Praise the Lord for providing a faithful teacher and eager students!

**NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION AT REDEEMER, SISTER LAKES:** The installation of Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld at Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI is scheduled to take place next 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 Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rapid City, SD has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, MO. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church of Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. <> Former Pastor Michael Sprengeler has **received** the call to the dual parish of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. <> Mrs. Louise Mayhew has **received** the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

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

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 15

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$50,769.23
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,649.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$48,643.93
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$4,864.39

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<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>Thu. 9/2</b>	8pm	Trustees Meeting
<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.