

September 5, 2021



**Be strong
in the Lord
and in the strength
of his power.**

Ephesians 6:10, NRSV



MT. ZION

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 451 (TLH): *Stand Up!*—*Stand Up for Jesus*

- 1. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!**
*Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.*
- 2. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey;**
*Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.*
- 3. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;**
*The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.*
- 4. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;**
*This day the noise of battle, The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.*

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: *Exodus 14:9-14,21-31*

The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. ¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the

horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 35* Selected Verses

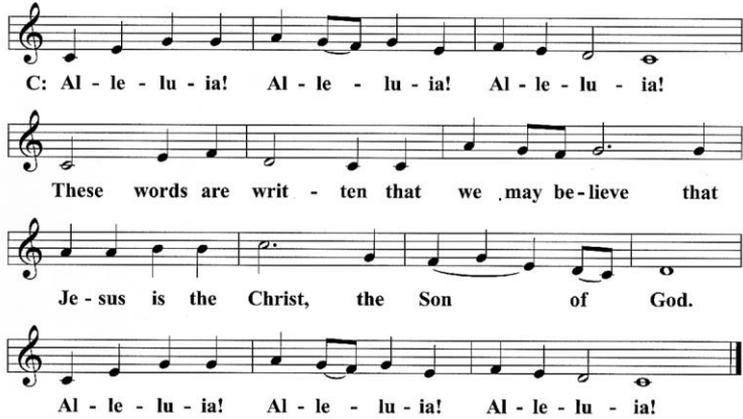
- P** Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
- C** **Fight against those who fight against me!**
- P** Take hold of shield and buckler
- C** **And rise for my help!**
- P** Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers!
- C** **Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"**
- P** Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life!
- C** **Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me!**
- P** For without cause they hid their net for me;
- C** **Without cause they dug a pit for my life.**
- P** Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!
- C** **And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it--to his destruction!**
- P** Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,
- C** **Exulting in his salvation.**



The Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:17-20*

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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 Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 658 (TLH): *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

**1. *Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the Foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!***

**Refrain: *Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.***

**2. *Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity... Refrain.***

**3. *Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail... Refrain.***

**4. *Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song;
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;
This, through countless ages, Men and angels sing... Refrain.***

The Sermon: *Ephesians 6:10-18*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Theme: I'M IN THE LORD'S ARMY

- I. The forces of Satan are here to assail me
- II. The triumph of Jesus has already prevailed me
- III. The armor of God will never fail me

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 768 (WS2000): Be Strong in the Lord *Sung to the tune of TLH 17*

**1. Be strong in the Lord In armor of light,
With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.**

**2. Integrity gird You round to impart
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing, Be strong to prevail.**

**3. With eagerness shod Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you With faith as your shield.**

**4. Though Satan presume To test you and try,
In helmet and plume Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation And Scripture your sword.**

**5. So wield well your blade, Rejoice in its powers,
Fight on undismayed For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious, His cross and His crown.**

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 "\$clcmztion". 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

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

The Sanctus – Latin for "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" around His throne."



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

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

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

The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.

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.

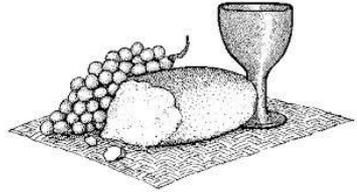
Distribution of the Sacrament

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

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

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

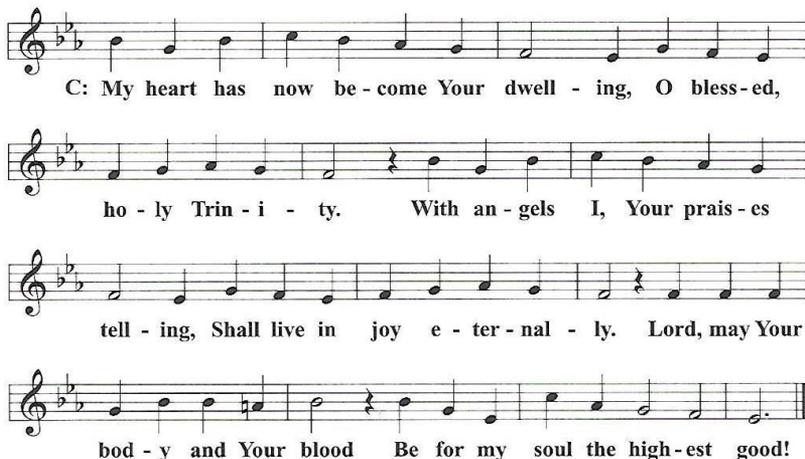
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is

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 198:2-3 (TLH): *He's Risen, He's Risen*

2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary

The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.

In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,

For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,

And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;

The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.

He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

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.

BIBLE CLASS will be resuming next Sunday, September 12 at 9am and Sunday School will begin September 19. Bible Class will be taking up the topic of "How the Church Grew," studying the history of Christianity from the Book of Acts until present day. Sunday School will be taught by Mrs. Susan Fobear for our two preschool students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MT. ZION MEMBERS Taylor Benjamin and London Hughes on their engagement last Saturday. Taylor and London live in Cleveland and are faithful attendees at our monthly services there. You may recall that Taylor was baptized and confirmed early in 2020. We are so thrilled that the Lord has led this Christian couple to one another and we pray that He will bless them with a long and happy marriage.

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. You can find these videos every Wednesday on Mt. Zion's Facebook and Instagram pages: @clcmztion.

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). 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.

SCHOOL FUND: With hopes of opening a Christian Day School in 2-3 years, we are encouraging members who feel so moved to begin giving additional offerings for this purpose into the existing Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund. The current balance is \$1,385.00.

THE 2021 CLC CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS are now available. A digital version was sent to your email yesterday. If you would like a hard copy, Pastor would be happy to print you one. You may also read the *Proceedings* online, using this link: tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church of Tacoma, WA, is still **considering** the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. <> Former Pastor Michael Sprengeler is still **considering** the call to the dual parish of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, is still **considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Mrs. Louise Mayhew has **accepted** the call to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

September Usher: Jim Lucas <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns
Lawn Care: Pastor Naumann

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 16

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$53,846.15
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,879.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$51,782.93
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5,178.29
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,385.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 9/12	9am	Bible Class Begins
	10am	Worship Service with Communion
Tue. 9/14	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/19	9am	Sunday School Begins
	11am	LIFT Meeting

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.