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**“Good
Teacher,
what must I do to
inherit
eternal life?”**

Mark 10:17



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Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, strengthen our faith in You the only true God, and increase our wisdom in Your holy Word. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit working in our hearts by that Word, restore unto us the joy of Your Salvation, and the hope of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 400 (TLH): *Take My Life and Let It Be*

- 1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for 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: 2 Kings 5:14-27

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mules' load of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸ In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" ²² And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.'" ²³ And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." ²⁶ But he said to

him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 90* Selected Verses

P Lord, you have been our dwelling place

C In all generations.

P Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

C From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P You return man to dust and say,

C "Return, O children of man!"

P For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

C Or as a watch in the night.

P You sweep them away as with a flood;

C They are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

P In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

C In the evening it fades and withers.

P The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

C Yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

P So teach us to number our days

C That we may get a heart of wisdom.



The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 13:1-6*

Let brotherly love continue.² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

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 430:1-4 (TLH): *What Is the World to Me?*

- 1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's Delight shalt be;
Thou art my Peace, my Rest,- What is the world to me!*
- 2. The world is like a cloud And like a vapor fleeting,
A shadow that declines, Swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus doth abide, Though all things fade and flee;
My everlasting Rock,- What is the world to me!*
- 3. The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone,- What is the world to me!*
- 4. The world seeks after wealth And all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth,- What is the world to me!*

The Sermon: Mark 10:17-27

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone."¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Theme: KEEP BETWEEN THEM DITCHES

- I. The ditch of overestimating yourself (17-22)
- II. The ditch of underestimating God (23-27)

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 411:1-5 (TLH): *From Eternity, O God* *Slightly altered musical arrangement

- 1. From eternity, O God, In Thy Son Thou didst elect me;
Therefore, Father, on life's road Graciously to heaven direct me;
Send to me Thy Holy Spirit That His gifts I may inherit.**
- 2. Though alive, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good things by nature.
Holy Ghost, change me within, Make of me a new-born creature;
For the flesh works ruination And can never gain salvation.**
- 3. Drive away the gloomy night Of my heart's perverse reflection;
Quench all thoughts that are not right, Hold my reason in subjection;
Grant that I from Thee, with yearning, Wisdom always may be learning.**
- 4. Oh, create a heart in me That in Thee, my God, believeth
And o'er the iniquity Of my sins most truly grieveth.
When dark hours of woe betide me, In the wounds of Jesus hide me.**

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 "\$clcmzion". 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 712 (LSB): *Seek Ye First*

- 1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And his righteousness,
And all these things Shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.**
- 2. Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God Allelu, alleluia.**
- 3. Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you Allelu, alleluia.**

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.

THE 4th QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, October 24, at 11:00am. Voters that will be absent, please inform Randy beforehand.

A CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL is being planned by LIFT for Sunday, October 31 from 4-6pm. Mark your calendars! More details will be coming soon.

FALL MISSION WEBINAR AT GETHSEMANE IN SAGINAW: The Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 4 pm ET. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is “Mission Myths” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details [@lutheranmissions.org/cdf/](https://lutheranmissions.org/cdf/)

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 investigating real estate 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 with the Trustees.

2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, *is still considering* the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, *is still considering* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 21 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 13

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$63,076.92
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,279.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$59,177.98
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5,917.80
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,385.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 10/24	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Thu. 10/28	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun. 10/31	4:00-6:00pm	Church Fall Festival
Sat. 11/13	4:00-6:00pm	Fall Mission Workshop/Webinar Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw, MI

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 girl in January 2022. **Andrea D'Onofrio** has requested prayers for her friend Alina, who is experiencing late-term complications in her pregnancy.

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