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Heaven is my  
home.



**MT. ZION**

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# Saints Triumphant Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, send Your Spirit from on high upon Your believing children everywhere that they may be true to the faith and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. May Your Word proclaimed to us this day continue to make us wise unto salvation and direct our lives to be fashioned more and more after Your image. In Your name we ask it, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 463:1-4 (TLH):** *For All the Saints*

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### 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.*

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.*

**P** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on  
earth. **C** Lord God, heav-enly king, al-might-y God and  
Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus  
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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: *Daniel 12:1-3*

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 118 Selected Verses*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- C** For his steadfast love endures forever!
- P** Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- C** Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- P** Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
- C** The LORD answered me and set me free.

**P** The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

**C** **What can man do to me?**

**P** The LORD is on my side as my helper;

**C** **I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

**P** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

**C** **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**

**P** The LORD is my strength and my song;

**C** **He has become my salvation.**

**P** I shall not die, but I shall live,

**C** **And recount the deeds of the LORD.**

**P** Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**C** **That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



### The Gospel Reading: *John 5:25-29*

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe 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 794 (WS2000): Jerusalem, Jerusalem**

- 1. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?*
- 2. When shall these eyes Thy heav'n built walls And pearly gates behold,  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong And streets of shining gold?*
- 3. Oh, when, thou city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend?  
Where evermore thy angels sing, The Sabbath has no end.*
- 4. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.*

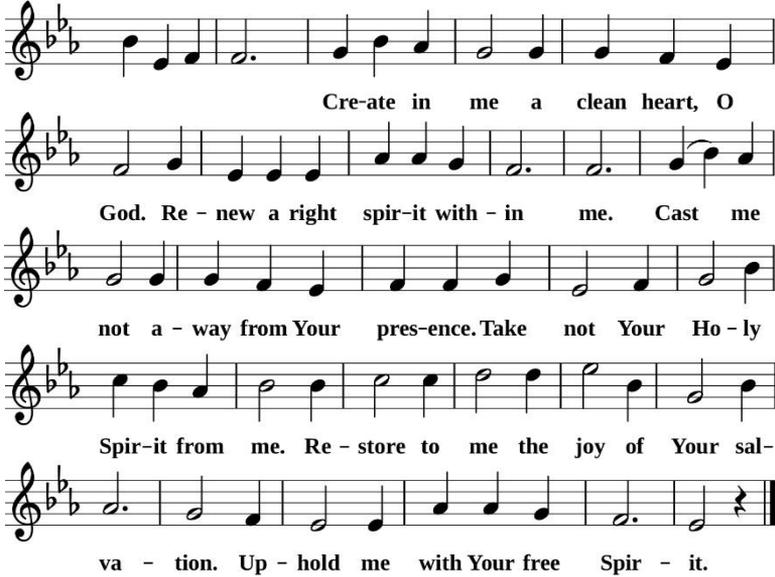
### **The Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:1-9**

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. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

**Theme: "HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS"**

## The Offertory

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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O  
God. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

## Hymn 660 (TLH): I'm But a Stranger Here

1. *I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.*
2. *What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.*
3. *There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;  
I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home;  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;  
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.*
4. *Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.*

## 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, who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away; 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.”*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.

Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-nain the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

## 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.*

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on  
us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

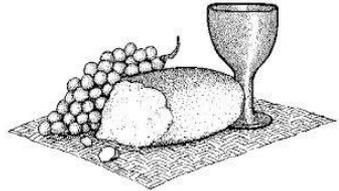
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### 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)*

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what  
He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and  
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;  
sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Send us with Your prom - is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple

forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;  
 sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, alle-  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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 463:8 (TLH):** *For All the Saints*

**8. The golden evening brightens in the west;**

**Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.**

**Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## *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.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** is scheduled for next Sunday following the service.

**SUMMARY OF LAST SUNDAY'S 2022 ELECTION MEETING:** President Carl Ryan, Vice President Matt Fobear, Secretary Matt Fobear, Treasurer Nathan Fobear, Financial Secretary Ben Mueller, Elder Randy Wittorp, Trustee Ben Mueller, Board of Finance Carl Ryan and Randy Wittorp, Board of Education Dave Troyan Randy Wittorp and Matt Fobear. <> MMC to approve the proposed course of action for opening a Christian day school on another yet to be acquired property as presented by the Mt Zion board of trustees, and in connection with this proposal that we set a target balance of \$150,000 in the Maisie Wittorp education fund in preparation for starting a school, that we direct the treasurer, working with the board of finance, to make accommodations for Mt. Zion to receive donations of stock shares so that we might be able to receive gifts for the Lord's work in whatever form they might take, and finally that we continue prayerfully in the work of preparing for opening a Christian day school and encourage all members of Mt. Zion to offer their input, questions, encouragement, offerings, time and talents, and most importantly their prayers of support. <> MMC to approve treasurer's report as presented.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, **has received** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, **is still considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

November Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 20 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 15

|   |            |                               |             |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:   | \$3,076.92 | Total Offerings Needed YTD:   | \$69,230.77 |
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:                                       | \$3,427.00 | Total Offerings Received YTD: | \$66,000.98 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): |            |                               | \$6,600.10  |
| Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:                   |            |                               | \$1,385.00  |

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

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| <b>Sun. 11/21</b> | 11am-<br>1:00pm | Thanksgiving Potluck<br>Church Christmas Decorating |
| <b>Wed. 12/1</b>  | 7pm             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Midweek Advent Service              |
| <b>Tue. 12/14</b> | 7pm             | Board of Elders Meeting                             |
|                   | 7:30pm          | Church Council Meeting                              |
|                   | 8:00pm          | Board of Christian Ed. Meeting                      |
|                   | 8:30pm          | Outreach Committee Meeting                          |

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

**Jackie McGruder** had surgery on Friday for an aneurism in her heart. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, is receiving treatment for cancer. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby girl in January 2022. **Dave Troyan's** mother, Lois, was in a serious car accident last week, breaking her pelvis and an ankle, and suffering trauma to the brain.