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GOD WILL PROVIDE

“THE JAR OF FLOUR WILL
NOT BE USED UP AND
THE JUG OF OIL WILL NOT
RUN DRY”

1 KINGS 17:14



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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 511 (TLH): *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*
- 2. For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.*
- 3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.*
- 4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns; The pris'n'er leaps, unloosed his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.*
- 5. Where He displays His healing power, Death and the curse are known no more; In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessings than their father lost.*
 - 6. Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.*

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 alone are the
 Ho-ly One, You alone are the Lord, You alone 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 Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. **13:1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-7

- P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
- C** Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- P** I will open my mouth in a parable;
- C** I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- P** Things that we have heard and known,
- C** That our fathers have told us.



P We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD,

C And his might, and the wonders that he has done.

P He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,

C Which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

P That the next generation might know them,

C The children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,

P So that they should set their hope in God

C And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:20-32*

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away. ³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

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



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.

The Baptism of Mason Dzakowic

Hymn 751 (WS2000): *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

- 1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasure many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!*
- 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*
- 3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!*
- 4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.*

The Sermon: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Theme: GOD, GRANT ME A ZAREPHATH FAITH!

I. Like Elijah who trusted Your word of providence

II. Like the widow who trusted Your word of salvation

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.

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Hymn 396 (TLH): *Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

- 1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;**
- 2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;**
- 3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without;
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;**
- 4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;**
- 5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.**
- 6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal 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 "Scmctzion". 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)*

Closing Hymn 427:1-2 (TLH): *How Firm a Foundation*

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2. In every condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
The Lord, the Almighty, thy strength e'er shall be.**

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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Mason Dzakowic who has been born again today of water and the Word. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives the gift of saving faith in Jesus Christ, thereby washing away all sins and making Mason a dear child of the heavenly Father, a member of the Holy Christian Church, and an heir of eternal life. Praise be to God!

A CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE is today at 4pm at the Hughes' home in North Olmsted. Speak with Pastor if you're interested in attending.

LIFT MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: Mt. Zion's women's group is scheduled to meet Sunday, February 6 following the worship service. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

MISSION HELPER TRIP FUND: Mt. Zion member Andrea D'Onofrio has volunteered for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa this coming summer. Praise the LORD for blessing Andrea with a willingness to serve in His ever-expanding Kingdom! Those who participate in this three-week overseas teaching trip are responsible for paying their own expenses (airfare, food & lodging, etc.). Total costs are ~\$3500. An initial payment of \$2000 is due on March 1. To assist in Andrea's gospel work, Mt. Zion has established a "Mission Helper Trip Fund." If you are able to contribute to the cost of this trip, please donate to the fund and clearly mark your offering check for the "Mission Helper Trip Fund."

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM Q1 VOTERS MEETING (1/16/22): Opened with prayer at 11:12am... Minutes from 2021 Q4 meeting and election meeting read and accepted... Pastor's report read and accepted... MMC to receive Nicholas Jakel into communicant and voting membership... MMC to receive Sophia Ryan into pre-communicant membership... Reports from Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Trustee Chairman, Outreach Chairman, and President all read and accepted... **New Business:** Nicholas Jakel, Ben Mueller, and Randy Wittorp appointed to the Outreach Committee by President Carl Ryan... Matt Fobear, Nathan Fobear, and Ben Mueller appointed to the newly formed Technology Committee by President Carl Ryan... Nicholas Jakel and Randy Wittorp appointed to the Hymnal Committee by President Carl Ryan... Randy Wittorp appointed to the Nominating Committee by President Carl Ryan... MMC to adopt a 2022 operating budget of \$98,000, of which \$86,000 are expected through congregational offerings and \$12,000 are expected through CLC subsidy... MMC to adopt the 2022 IRS mileage rate of \$0.585/mile... MMC to adopt a 2022 parsonage allowance of \$15,200... MMC to provide congregation households with annual Daily Rest subscriptions... For the 2022 CLC Convention, Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan elected as primary delegates and Matt Fobear and Nicholas Jakel as secondary delegates... For the 2022 GLDC, Nicholas Jakel and Carl Ryan elected as primary delegates and Ben Mueller and Randy Wittorp elected as secondary delegates...

MMC to begin a Mission Helper Fund to support Andrea D’Onofrio with a target of \$3500... MMC to adopt the Q1 calendar... Next meeting date set for April 3, 2022... Meet closed with prayer at 1:51pm.

CLC CALL NEWS: Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, **has accepted** the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran School, Hale Corners, WI, **is still considering** the call to be the lower grade of teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Teacher Miriam Bernthal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI, has asked for **a peaceful release** from her call at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Troyans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 17 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 10

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$6615.38
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2621.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$5297.50
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$529.75
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$2031.5
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$0.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Sun. 2/6	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship with Communion
	11am	LIFT Meeting
Tue. 2/8	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00pm	Board of Christian Ed. Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 2/20	10am	Christian Education Sunday
		Following the service, Board of Ed. to present on plans for the opening a Christian Day School.

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. **Dave Troyan’s** mother, Lois, was in a serious car accident several months ago, breaking her ankle, and suffering trauma to the brain. **The Naumanns** are expecting a newborn baby in June 2022.