

February 13, 2022



Happy are
those who
... DELIGHT ...
in the law of
the **LORD ...**

PSALM 1:1-2 NRSV



MT. ZION

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6th Sunday after Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 540 (TLH): *With the Lord Begin Thy Task*

- 1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.*
- 2. Let each day begin with prayer Praise and adoration;
On the Lord cast ev'ry care, He is thy Salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee,
Save thee from the Tempter's might, With His presence cheer thee.*
- 3. With thy Savior at thy side, Foes need not alarm thee;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm thee.
All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.*
- 4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere While thou here must wander;
Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.*
- 5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended;
May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Thy praise forever.*

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

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

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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 Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is

made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 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 Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:17-26*

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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 414 (TLH): *The Man Is Ever Blest*

- 1. The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place.*
- 2. But makes the Law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.*
- 3. He like a tree shall thrive, With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heavenly fruit.*
- 4. Not so the ungodly race, They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind.*
- 5. How shall they bear to stand Before that judgment-seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?*

**6. He knows, and He approves, The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overflow.**

The Sermon: Luke 5:1-11

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ² and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴ If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. ⁵ And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

Theme: THE LORD YOUR GOD IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

- I. His curses remind us to turn away from sin and death
- II. His blessings remind us to turn toward Him and live

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, 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 521:1-4 (TLH): *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

- 1. *What God ordains is always good; His will abideth holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
God indeed in every need Doth well know how to shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.***
- 2. *What God ordains is always good. He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His own right way, And never will He leave me.
I take content What He hath sent; His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.***
- 3. *What God ordains is always good. His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my Physician sends me.
My God is true; Each morn anew I'll trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.***
- 4. *What God ordains is always good. He is my Friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm, Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe, Some day I shall see clearly
That He hath loved me dearly.***

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 Scaștag is "Șclcmțzion". 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 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.

- ☩ The Lord be with you.**
☩ 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, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory; 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.

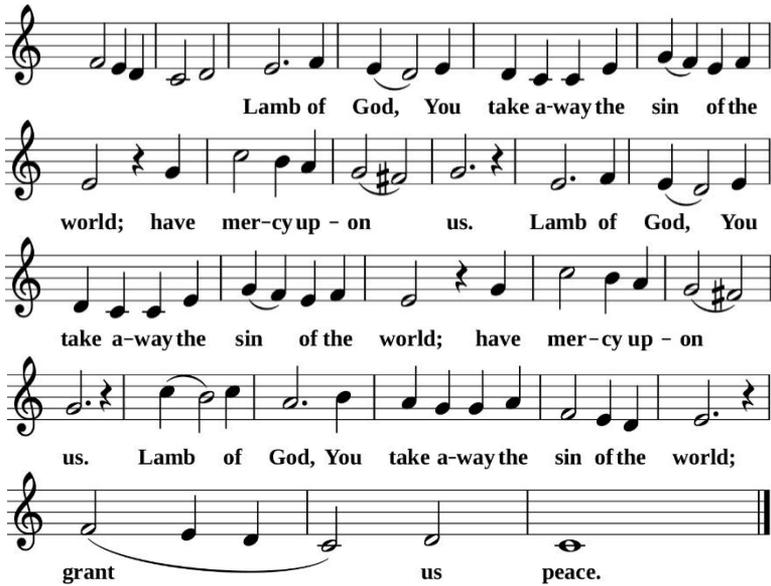
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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.

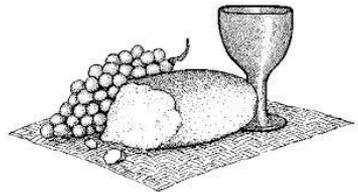
Distribution of the Sacrament

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."



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.



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 54 (TLH): *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**1. *Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.***

**2. *Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.***

**3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.***



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY is next Sunday, February 20. The worship service will be Christian education-themed and afterwards Mt. Zion’s Board of Education will be briefly presenting a blueprint for fundraising and planning for Mt. Zion’s future Christian Day School. Please bring any questions and/or comments that you might have!

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.”

CLC CALL NEWS: ILC Professor Joel Gullerud *has received* the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, *has received* the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, is *still considering* the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + + Mrs. Dawn Mayhew *is still considering* the call to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. Mrs. Mayhew is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne.

CLC DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL: The following is provided by various members of the CLC for devotional purposes. Please speak with Pastor if you have questions about accessing any of these resources.

PODCASTS (“subscribe” to follow):

- “BeneathTheTreesAtGethsemane” (all one word) Audio of “Daily Rest” Devotions (provided by Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA)
- “Morning Chapels from ILC” - Audio recording of daily chapels at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire
- “Burden and Blessing Podcast” – CLC pastors discussing culture and current events in the light of God’s Word of Truth

VIDEO:

- Video of Daily Chapels at ILC: search “ilcvideos” on YouTube

PRINT, ONLINE, and EMAIL:

- The Lutheran Spokesman (monthly magazine) – with some audio recordings available on www.lutheranspokesman.org
- Ministry by Mail – weekly sermons by CLC pastors by mail, email, and online www.lutheransermons.org
- Daily Rest – daily devotions written by CLC pastors, professors, and teachers
- E-Devotions – daily devotions by CLC pastors and professors, sent to your email www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/
- The Branches – quarterly magazine produced by women of the CLC

SERVING US THIS WEEK

February Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 26 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 15

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$9923.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3869.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$9166.50
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$916.65
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$2187.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$1095.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 2/20	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Christian Education Sunday Following the service, Board of Ed. to present on plans for the opening a Christian Day School.
Tue. 2/22	7pm	Tech Committee Meeting
Sun. 2/27	11am	LIFT Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Wed. 3/2	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Mon. 3/14	7pm	ILC Tour Choir Concert

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 boy in June 2022.