

February 20, 2022



**“WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD
IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME.
AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES NOT ONLY ME,
BUT THE ONE WHO SENT ME.”
MARK 9:37**



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Christian Education Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for the blessing of knowing your Son Jesus as our only Savior from sin and our sure hope of eternal life. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire a desire to share this knowledge with our children and our children's children. Help us to support Christian Education with our prayers and offerings to the glory of Your name through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 785 (WS2000): *Children of the Heavenly Father*

- 1. Children of the Heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2. God His own doth tend and nourish In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
- 4. Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne're forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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.

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.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es-ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re-ceive our
Spir-it wor-shiped and a-dored, With all the
might-y Fa-ther, heav'n-ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with-in.
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: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9,20-24*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

²⁰ "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?' ²¹ then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²² And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³ And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴ And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 119:9-16*

P How can a young man keep his way pure?

C By guarding it according to your word.

P With my whole heart I seek you;

C Let me not wander from your commandments!

P I have stored up your word in my heart,

C That I might not sin against you.

P Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

C With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

P In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

C I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

P I will delight in your statutes;

C I will not forget your word.



The Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra--which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

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 629 (TLH): *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

- 1. *Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw, And which our parents told.***
- 2. *Make unto them His glories known, His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down Thro' ev'ry rising race.***
- 3. *Our lips shall tell them to our sons, And they again to theirs;
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.***
- 4. *Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust the Lord,***
- 5. *To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love But walk in His commands.***

The Sermon: *Mark 9:30-37*

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Theme: JESUS OFFERS THE GREATEST EDUCATION

- I. An education in the greatness of His service for us
- II. An education in the greatness our service for others

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 861 (LSB): Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not
 dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor
 fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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 Scashtag is "Scclmtzion". 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 800:1-2 (WS2000): *Go, My Children*

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

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.

SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING: Following today’s worship service we are holding a congregational meeting in which the Board of Education will present plans for the future opening of a Christian Day School at Mt. Zion. LIFT has provided refreshments in the basement fellowship hall. Please take ten minutes to grab something to eat and drink, then reassemble in the sanctuary for the 20-30 minute presentation.

MISSION HELPER TRIP FUND: Mt. Zion member Andrea D’Onofrio has volunteered for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa this coming summer. 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. 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.”

ILC TOUR CHOIR CONCERT 7PM MONDAY, MARCH 14: Invite your friends and bring your family to this great opportunity to hear beautiful anthems of praise to God by 24 students of Immanuel Lutheran College, traveling to us from Eau Claire, WI. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the choir’s traveling expenses. Students will also present information about Immanuel Lutheran High School and College.

CHURCH CLEANING: If you can help with the weekly cleaning of the church, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thanks!

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, **has received** the call to be the 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. + ILC Professor Joel Gullerud **is still considering** the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Ms. Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, **is still considering** the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, **is still considering** the call to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL When our children do not attend a Christian school, we must recognize that they will be taught much that is detrimental to their moral and spiritual welfare. They will be learning from the evolutionist, the humanist, and the materialist. The evolutionist teaches that all things came by chance and accident. Since he does not accept the Bible's account of creation, he believes that man is not indebted to his Creator, but that he is the master of his own destiny. The humanist teaches that human interests supersede any other interests. He teaches the superiority of man's intellect, his capacity to make further progress, and his (man's) success story. Man is his own god. The materialist teaches that man may strive to satisfy his own lusts for the things of this world. The Christian Day School exists to provide thorough and systematic instruction in the Word of God. It teaches a way of life that leads to eternal life. In such a school God is glorified and His Word is accepted as truth and the source of answers for every problem of life, including the problem on sin. The final evaluation of the merits of such schools will be obvious the Last Day.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

February Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 22 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 14

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| Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed: | \$3307.69 | Total Offerings Needed YTD: | \$11,576.92 |
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Received: | \$3084.25 | Total Offerings Received YTD: | \$11,232.75 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): | | | \$1123.28 |
| Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: | | | \$2207.50 |
| Andrea D'Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund | | | \$1345.00 |

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

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| Today | 11:15am | School Planning Congregational Meeting |
| Tue. 2/22 | 7pm | Tech Committee Meeting |
| Sun. 2/27 | 9am | Bible Class / Sunday School |
| | 10am | Worship Service |
| | 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.