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MT. ZION

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2nd Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Merciful God and Father, we give You heartfelt thanks that through Your Word You have graciously preserved this congregation these past years, and we humbly ask You to continue to guard and direct us by Your Holy Spirit in the way of truth, that we may at last obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 721 (WS2000): *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

- 1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**
- 2. Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.**
- 3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!**
- 4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**

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: *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!"⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.

¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice

of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 43

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
- C** **From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**
- P** For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?
- C** **Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?**
- P** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
- C** **Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**
- P** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
- C** **And I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
- C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**



Passion Harmony Reading: Lesson 2B

A selection from the Passion History of Christ is read. Follow along in the purple booklet.

- 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 245 (TLH): *God Loved the World So that He Gave*

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.*
- 2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Corner-stone.*
- 3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.*
- 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
And justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.*
- 5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground of faith.*
- 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!*

The Sermon: *Luke 13:31-35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.' ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵ Behold, your

house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Theme: THE SAVIOR'S UNLIMITED LOVE IS NO EXAGGERATION

- I. It leads Him to His certain death and resurrection (31-33)
- II. It leads Him to sorrow over those who reject Him (34-35)

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 760 (WS2000): *Oh, Love, How Deep*

- 1. *Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy, That God, the son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortal's sake!***
- 2. *He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place, But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world himself he came.***
- 3. *For us baptized, for us he bore His holy fast and hungered sore; For us temptation sharp he knew; For us the tempter over threw.***
- 4. *For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; For us he gave his dying breath.***
- 5. *For us he rose from death again; For us he went on high to reign; For us he sent his Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.***

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 "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 Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament,

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, for You gave salvation to all mankind that, when death arose, by the fault of one man, then also life might arise by the obedience of one Man; and that even as Satan overcame by a tree, likewise by a tree he was overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 highest.

Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in 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.

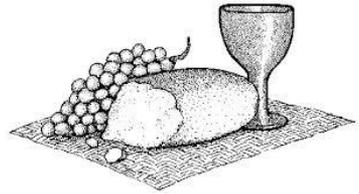
Distribution of the Sacrament

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.

Musical notation for a Thanksgiving hymn. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 153:4 (TLH): *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

**4. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
 Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
 None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.**

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.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent is a time of repentance and reflection on the sufferings and death our Savior went through to earn the forgiveness of sins for us. We are once again offering midweek Lenten services this year and will be participating in a “pulpit exchange” with the other CLC churches in lower Michigan. We are considering the theme: *Landmarks of Lent*. Services will be held each Wednesday at 7pm.

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-offering will be taken to help defray the choir’s traveling expenses.

DIVINE CALL: I have received a divine call from Immanuel Lutheran Church of Winter Haven, FL, to be their full-time pastor. I now have two divine calls – one here to serve Mt. Zion congregation, and one to serve Immanuel congregation. As I prayerfully consider these calls, this is the main question: At which location (here or there) can I best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me? I welcome your comments, advice, and opinions. I ask for your prayers that the will of our LORD be done. – In Christ, Pastor Naumann.

MAISIE WITTORP CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEMORIAL FUND: Three weeks ago we held a congregational meeting and the Board of Education presented a proposal for opening a Christian Day School in 3-5 years. This will involve the purchase of a new property to facilitate a school building. Firstly, please pray for God’s blessing upon these efforts and ask Him to direct our paths. Secondly, we have designated the existing Maisie Wittorp Chr. Ed. Fund as a place to collect offerings to help with this effort. The target amount is \$150,000. Please consider donating and be sure to mark your offering “Maisie Wittorp Christian Ed. Fund”. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)*

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

CLC CALL NEWS: Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, **has accepted** the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Mrs. Debra Mayhew **has received** the call to teach grades K- 4 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. + Mr. Luke Willitz **is still considering the call to** be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

March Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

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

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$14,884.62
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$1622.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$13,409.75
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1360.98
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$2282.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$1445.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Mon. 3/14	7pm	ILC Tour Choir Concert
Tue. 3/15	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 3/16	7pm	3 rd Midweek Lent Service
Sun. 3/20	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
Tue. 3/22	7pm	Tech Committee Meeting
Sun. 3/27	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

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.