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*the Lord God is
my strength
and my **SONG** and He has
become my
salvation.
Isaiah 12:2*



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4th Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Redeemer, let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Yours, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we always by faith see You as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes. Hear us, for the sake of Your love. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 145 (TLH): *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

**1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**

**2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.**

**3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!**

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.

G Amen.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 32 Selected Verses*

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C** And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!



Passion Harmony Reading: *Lesson 4B*

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 388 (TLH): *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

***1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

***2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

***3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

***4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

***5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

***6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

The Sermon: *Isaiah 12*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ² "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Theme: CHRISTIANS HAVE GOOD REASON TO SING!

I. The LORD is our strength

II. The LORD is our song

III. The LORD is our 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.

Hymn 744 (WS2000): How Great Thou Art

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed,**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"**

**2. When through the woods and Forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel The gentle breeze;... Refrain**

**3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;... Refrain**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Than I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!... Refrain**

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 "ScIcmztzion". 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 748:1,5 (WS2000): *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen, sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

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.

THE 2nd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, April 3, at 11:00am. Voters that will be absent, please inform President Carl Ryan beforehand.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: This Wednesday is our 5th and midweek Lenten service. Pastor Sonnenfeld will be our guest preacher. Please join us as we spend extra time focusing on Christ who sacrificed himself to take away our sins!

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE: On Good Friday, April 15 at 7pm we will be holding a special Good Friday Tenebrae service. Join us for this special service!

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH AND SERVICE: Our schedule for Easter Sunday, April 17 begins at 10:00am with an Easter brunch. Pancakes, eggs, fruit, bacon, and sausage! Any able-bodied men willing to help are encouraged to do so. Please see the signup sheet on the hymnal rack. The Easter worship service will begin at 11:00am. There will be no Sunday school or Bible class. Come and worship the Risen Jesus!

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.”

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ILC? Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, **check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu**, or contact CLC recruiter, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, at sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com, cell (414) 534-7279.

CLC CALL NEWS: Teacher Debra Mayhew *has accepted* the call to teach grades K- 4th at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN.+ Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen’s Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, *has accepted* the call to teach the upper grade classes at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI. + Mr. Luke Willitz *has accepted* the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran, Eden Prairie, MN. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA, *is still considering* the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran, Middleton, WI. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, *is still considering* call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights, MI, *is still considering* the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

March Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 20 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 13

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$19,846.15
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4240.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$19,176.75
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1937.68
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$2721.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$1910.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Wed. 3/30	7pm	5 th Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Sonnenfeld preaching)
Sun. 4/3	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
Fri. 4/15	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 4/17	10am	Easter Brunch
	11am	Easter 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. Physically, she has fully recovered, but her mental function is slow in returning. **The Naumanns** are expecting a newborn baby boy in June 2022.