

April 3, 2022



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everything as loss  
because of the surpassing worth of  
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:8



# MT. ZION

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Blessed Redeemer, grant Your blessing to us during this Lenten season. 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 by faith always 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 Your love's sake. Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 144:1-4 (TLH):** *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

- 1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Every hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me ere its first beginning.*
- 2. Should some lust or sharp temptation Prove too strong for flesh and blood,  
Let me think upon Thy Passion, And the breach is soon made good.  
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the Tempter flee confounded.*
- 3. If the world my heart entices On the broad and easy road  
With its mirth and luring voices, Let me think upon the load  
Thou didst carry and endure That I flee all thoughts impure,  
Banishing each wild emotion, Calm and blest in my devotion.*
- 4. Every wound that pains or grieves me, By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet Every bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion Has procured my soul's salvation.*

#### 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-shipped 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: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 73 Selected Verses*

**P** Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

**C** But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

**P** For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**C** For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

**P** Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

**C** I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

**P** Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

**C** How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

**P** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

**C** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

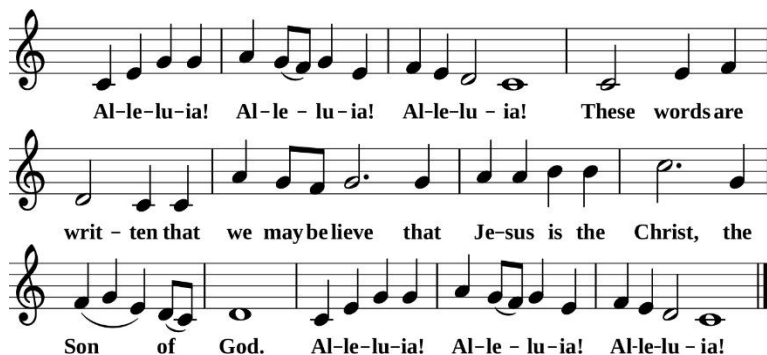
**P** For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

**C** But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

## Passion Harmony Reading: Lesson 5B

*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.



## The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Hymn 175 (TLH): *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

- 1. *When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.***
- 2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.***
- 3. *See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?***
- 4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.***

## **The Sermon: *Philippians 3:8-14***

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Theme: “CHRIST ALONE IS ALL I NEED”**

- I. All else is loss (8)
- II. All His is mine (9-11)
- III. All I am, is His (12-14)


## 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: *In Christ Alone*** *(See back of bulletin)*

## 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 "\$clcmztzion". 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.*

**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 Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.”

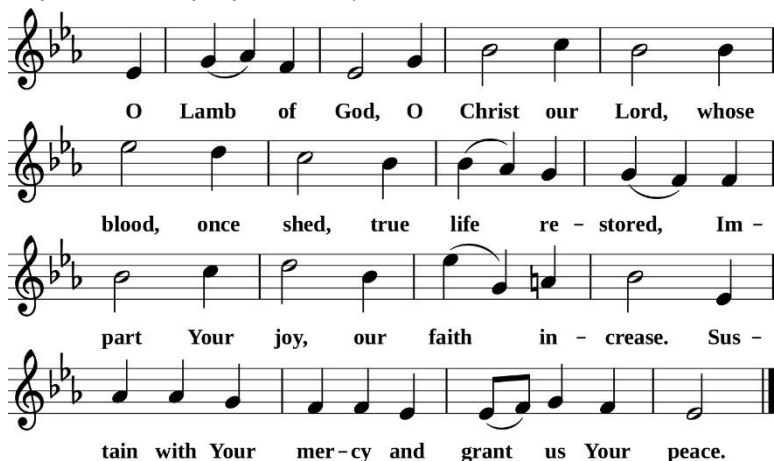


In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.*



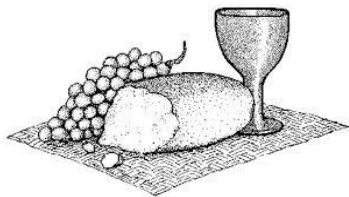
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### 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."



## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)*

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
 peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
 grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly  
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
 hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
 cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

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

My heart has now be come Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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: *Jesus Loves Me*

**1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide.**

**He has washed away my sin, Let the little child come in.**

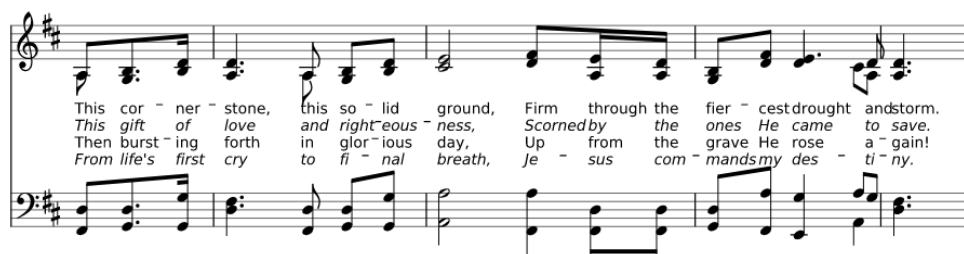
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**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

# In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
 2 In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!  
 3 There in the ground, His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the pow'r of Christ in me



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv'ings cease!  
 'Til on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand



My com - for - ter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 'Til He re - turns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER VOTERS MEETING** is today following the service.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:** This Wednesday is our 6<sup>th</sup> and midweek Lenten service. Pastor Wilke will be our guest preacher. Please join us as we spend extra time focusing on Christ who sacrificed himself to take away our sins!

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** On Good Friday, April 15 at 7pm we will be holding a special Good Friday Tenebrae service. Our schedule for Easter Sunday, April 17 begins at 10:00am with an Easter brunch. Pancakes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, 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 Crucified and 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."

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran of Phoenix, AZ, has been called to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, **is still considering** the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, **is still considering** call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

**THE CLC KINSHIP COMMITTEE** is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are

continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

**CLC TRIP TO ISRAEL:** The CLC group trip to Israel, which was originally set for January 2021, has been rescheduled for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). With travel restrictions lifting all over the world, it looks like we will finally be able to go! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.

### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

April Usher: Randy Wittorp <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

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

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$21,500.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4024.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$20,979.75
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2117.98
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$2902.50
Andrea D'Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$1960.00

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
<b>Wed. 4/6</b>	7pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Wilke preaching)
<b>Sun. 4/10</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
<b>Tue. 4/12</b>	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
<b>Fri. 4/15</b>	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
<b>Sun. 4/17</b>	10am	Easter Brunch
	11am	Easter Worship Service
<b>Mon. 4/18</b>	7pm	Trustees Meeting