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His *Love*
never fails.



MT. ZION

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5th Sunday in Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O almighty God, You who made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, use us as instruments of Your Holy Word, and let the light of Your salvation shine to all the ends of the earth. Keep our crucified and risen Savior the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. For Jesus sake we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 352 (TLH): *O Savior, Precious Savior*

**1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above.**

***We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.***

**2. O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.**

**3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.**

**4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our Savior and our King.**

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: *1 Samuel 20:12-17*

And Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? ¹³ But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father. ¹⁴ If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; ¹⁵ and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth." ¹⁶ And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD take vengeance on David's enemies." ¹⁷ And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 145 Select Verses*

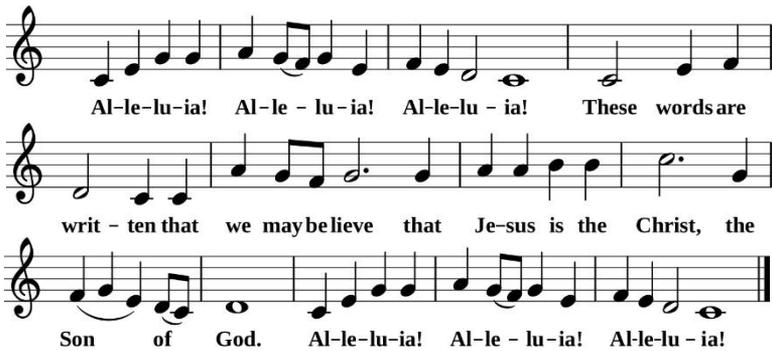
- P** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!
- C** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
- P** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
- C** You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- P** The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- C** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



The Gospel Reading: *John 13:31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 409 (TLH): May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil

- 1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living Way,
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.**
- 2. So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy power confess,
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.**
- 3. Spirit of Life, of Love, and Peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.**

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8,13 (NKJV)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away...

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Theme: GOD'S GREATEST GIFT IS LOVE

- I. Everything else fails
- II. God's love never fails

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 351 (TLH): *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

- 1. Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore, Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessings, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**
- 4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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 732:3 (WS2000): *Now All the Vault of Heaven*

**3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

THANK YOU to Mr. Jeff Radichel, a member of the CLC Board of Missions and Mt. Zion's assigned Mission Board liaison, for visiting our congregation today and giving a Mission presentation during our Bible class hour this morning. Jeff will be meeting with the voters post-service. May the LORD grant him safe travel later today as he returns to his home in Minnesota.

VOTERS MEETING: The voters will be meeting today following the service.

NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Our new midweek Bible study will be continuing this Wednesday (5/18) at 10:00am. All are invited and encouraged to attend this additional opportunity to study the Scriptures and enjoy midweek fellowship with like-minded believers.

CHURCH PIZZA PARTY HOSTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Board of Ed is planning a church pizza party on Tuesday, May 24 beginning at 6:00pm. The board will be updating the congregation about ongoing plans for our future Christian Day school, as well as holding open discussions about the school's possible location, grade ranges, mission statement, curriculum, and other topics.

LIFT WILL BE HOSTING A "STOCK THE FREEZER PARTY" on Sunday May 29th for the Naumann family immediately following worship service in the church basement. In preparation for their baby due next month please bring a meal pre-made & ready to go in their freezer. The goal is to stock them on food to ease cooking as Ashley gets closer to delivery. Please see Andrea for a list of food suggestions & needs. Light refreshments will be provided for all in attendance. We hope you can join us!

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, please donate to the fund and clearly mark your offering check for the "Mission Helper Trip Fund."

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, *is still considering* the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, *is still considering* the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.

SISTER CLC CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARY: Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI (<https://peacethruchrist.org/>) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 19, 2022. Worship services will occur at 10 AM (sermon by Emeritus Missionary David Koenig) and 1:30 PM (sermon by Professor John Ude). Guests are invited to worship our resurrected Lord with us! Dinner will be served at Noon. Please RSVP for planning purposes by June 6 at peacethruchrist.org/welcome/50th-anniversary-event.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

May Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Troyans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 18 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 9

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$31,423.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2667.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$30,147.25
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3034.73
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$55,651.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$2250.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Voters Meeting with guest Mr. Jeff Radichel (Member of the CLC Board of Missions and liaison to Mt. Zion)
Wed. 5/18	10am	Midweek Bible Study
Sun. 5/22	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
Tue. 5/24	6pm	Church Pizza Party / Bd. of Ed. Congregational Meeting
Mon.-Tue. 6/6-6/7		Great Lakes Delegates Conference Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI
Tue. 6/14	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Thu.-Mon. 6/23-6/26		35 th CLC Delegates Convention Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI