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My sheep hear **MY**  
**VOICE**, and I know them,  
and they follow Me.

**John 10:27**



**MT. ZION**

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# Good Shepherd Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *O Lord Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever as Your sheep. Guide us this day and always in peace and hope. Finally, bring us all at last to our eternal home earned for us by Your shed blood. Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 191:1-4 (TLH):** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!**  
**Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!**  
**Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!**  
**At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Alleluia!**  
**Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!**  
**"Christ is risen," today we cry; Alleluia!**  
**Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!**  
**God and man hath reconciled Alleluia!**  
**While in strange and awe-full strife Alleluia!**  
**Met together Death and Life: Alleluia!**
- 4. Christians, on this happy day Alleluia!**  
**Haste with joy your vows to pay. Alleluia!**  
**"Christ is risen," today we cry; Alleluia!**  
**Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

- ℟** 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:
- ℣** 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 First Reading: Acts 13:15-16a,26-33

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." <sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said...

"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. <sup>27</sup> For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. <sup>28</sup> And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, <sup>33</sup> this he has fulfilled to us their children

by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

**The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 23***

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



**The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17***

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**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 436 (TLH):** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

- The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.*
- My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.*
- Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.*
- My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.*
- Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.*

## The Sermon: John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock.<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

## Theme: IN THE GOOD HANDS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- I. Hands that were laid upon you
- II. Hands that will always lead you
- III. Hands that will eternally keep you



## 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 783 (WS2000): *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

- 1. Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we Wake and safe We sleep, Guarded still by You.**
- 2. In Your promise firm We stand; None can take us from Your hand.  
Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.**
- 3. By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought;  
By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.**
- 4. Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.**
- 5. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th' assembly of the blest,  
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with You.**

## 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 Sçashtag is "Şclcmztion". 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, 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is

the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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 high-est.  
 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.

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, al - le -  
 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 648 (TLH): *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

**1.** *I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;*

*For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

**2.** *Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.*

*When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.*

**3.** *Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?*

*And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.*

## *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.

**THANK YOU, PAINTERS AND WORKDAY CREW!** Thanks to everyone who helped paint the sanctuary throughout the week and thank you to everyone who turned out for the church workday yesterday! We all benefit for your labor for the beautification of the Lord's house. *Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the LORD! Psalm 134:1-2*

**NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** A new midweek Bible study will be taking place weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am beginning this week on May 11. All are invited and encouraged to this additional opportunity to study the Scriptures and enjoy midweek fellowship with like-minded believers.

**CLC MISSION BOARD VISIT:** Mr. Jeff Radichel, a member of the CLC Board of Missions and Mt. Zion's assigned Mission Board liaison, is coming to visit our congregation on Sunday, May 15. He will be giving a presentation on the work of the Mission Board during our 9:00am Bible Class hour. Then he will meet with our voters following the worship service. We look forward to his visit!

**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!

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, *has received* 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.

**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.”

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**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

May Usher: Carl Ryan <> Church Cleaning: Workday Crew

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL** \*Offering numbers are from 5/1/22

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 20 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 14

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$28,115.38
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2808.50	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$27,300.25
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2750.03
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$55,521.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$2110.00

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Tue. 5/10</b>	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
<b>Wed. 5/11</b>	10am	Midweek Bible Study
<b>Fri. 5/13</b>	Evening	Game Night at the Wittorps (Dearborn)
<b>Sun. 5/15</b>	9am	Special Bible Class presented by Mr. Jeff Radichel
	10am	Worship Service
	11am	Voters Meeting with Mr. Jeff Radichel
<b>Mon.-Tue. 6/6-6/7</b>	Great Lakes Delegates Conference Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI	
<b>Thu.-Mon. 6/23-6/26</b>	35 <sup>th</sup> CLC Delegates Convention Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI	