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Let brotherly love continue.

Hebrews 13:1



MT. ZION

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Oh Lord, we ask You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from the sin and cares of this life that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 758 (WS2000): *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious Binding all the Church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.**
- 2. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving-kindness, Hear your people when they pray.
And your fullest benediction Speak within these walls today.**
- 3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.**
- 4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One
One in might, and one in glory, While unending ages run!**

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.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. 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: *Proverbs 25:6-7*

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 119:1-8*

- P** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
- C** Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,
- P** Who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!
- C** You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
- P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!



C Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

P I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

C I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1,7-14*

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully...

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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 464 (TLH): *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.*
- 2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our alms, are one, Our comforts and our cares.*
- 3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.*
- 4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.*
- 5. This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives And longs to see the day.*
- 6. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.*

The Sermon: *Hebrews 13:1-6*

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Theme: BROTHERLY LOVE IS A CONTINUOUS CIRCUIT

- I. Connected to God's love, it shows love for its fellow-Christians.
- II. Connected to God's promises, it is content with what it has.



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: *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* (Sung to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

- 1. Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.**
- 2 By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.**
- 3. Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son;
lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us, watch to comfort and restore,
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.**

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 "ScIcmztion". 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 427:7 (TLH): *How Firm a Foundation*

**7. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!" Amen!**

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 Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION: Following today's service, our hymnal committee will be presenting a proposal for the purchase of new hymnals at Mt. Zion. All the information can be found in the insert in your bulletin. The committee's proposal will go before the voters at the Q4 meeting on October 16. The voters are interested in hearing the opinions from the entire congregation. Please let them know what you think!

CHURCH BOOK CLUB: Mt. Zion's new book club met for the first time this past Wednesday at 7:00pm on Google Meet. We discussed the Preface and Introduction of our first book, *The Spirituality of the Cross* by Gene Veith. If you missed the sign up, there's still time to join! Speak with Pastor to get a book and the assignment for this Wednesday.

NEW WEEKLY VIDEO SERIES: Pastor has begun a new weekly video series called "Catechism Carryout." Each 5-minute video devotionally examines a different doctrine of God's Word as taught in Luther's Small Catechism. You can find these videos every Wednesday on Mt. Zion's Facebook and Instagram pages: @clcmtzion.

UM ANN ARBOR BIBLE STUDY: A new college Bible study began this past week at UM Ann Arbor. Every Friday at 2pm, Pastor will be leading a Bible Study at Shapiro Library, Room 2138. If you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them and inform Pastor so he can reach out too!

CLC MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR COMING TO MT. ZION: On Thursday, November 3 at 7pm, we will be hosting a special seminar presented by CLC member Dean Marzofka and CLC Pastor David Ude. Mr. Marzofka is a licensed Christian counselor with over 30 years of experience working with families, youth, and prison inmates. Their seminar will feature a Christ-centered approach to mental health, anxiety, and depression. Please mark your calendars and feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown, ND, **has received the call** to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, **is still considering** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac, WI, **is still considering** the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

September Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 28

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$61,192.31
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2621.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$55,593.90
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5579.39
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$63,421.50

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 9/20	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed. 9/21	7pm	Church Book Club via Google Meet
Thu. 9/22	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Fri. 9/23	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Thu. 9/22 – Sun. 9/25		CLC Men’s Retreat (Man Up!) Wyalusing State Park, Prairie du Chien, WI
Sun. 9/25	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	Worship Service
Sun. 10/2	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 10/11	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Bd of Ed/Outreach Meetings
Sun. 10/16	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Thu. 11/3	7pm	CLC Mental Health Seminar