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**MT. ZION**

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for teaching us Your Word, which is the beginning of all true wisdom. Through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, continue all Christian education among us to the glory of Your name and of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 1 (TLH): *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

- 1. *Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!***
- 2. *Lord, my God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!***
- 3. *Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.***
- 4. *Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.***
- 5. *Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.***

#### 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: *Genesis 12:1-8*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 19:7-10*

- P** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
- C** The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- P** The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
- C** The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- P** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
- C** The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
- C** Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.



## The Epistle Reading: *Philemon 1:1,10-21*

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker...

I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother--especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it--to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**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 400 (TLH):** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

**1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for Thee.**

**The Sermon:** *Hebrews 13:1-6*

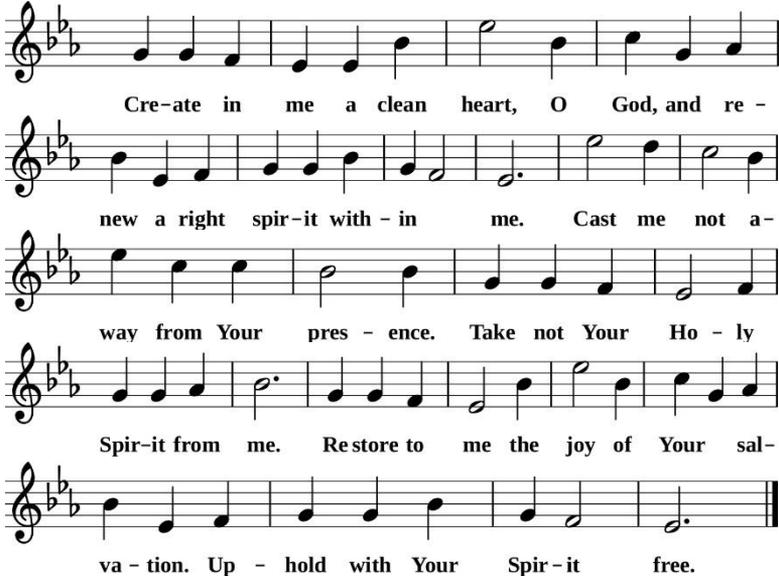
Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

## Theme: DISCIPLESHIP COMES AT EXTREME COST

- I. Sacrifice: Jesus' and yours
- II. Suffering: Jesus' and yours
- III. Surrender: Jesus' and yours

### 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 423:1-3,6 (TLH): *Jesus, I My Cross have Taken*

- 1. *Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.***
- 2. *Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.***
- 3. *Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; With Thy favor, loss is gain.  
I have called Thee Abba, Father! I have stayed my heart on Thee.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.***

**6. Haste, then, on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close the earthly mission, Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope soon change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to 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**

**☩** 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)*

**☩** 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.  
**☩** Amen!

## **Closing Hymn 528:12 (TLH): *If God Himself Be For Me***

***12. From me this is not hidden, Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life and limb it cost me And everything I own,  
Unshaken shall I trust Thee And cleave to Thee alone.***

## **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 PROPOSAL:** Following last Sunday's service, our hymnal committee presented a proposal for the purchase of new hymnals at Mt. Zion. If you missed the presentation, copies of the proposal are available on the hymnal shelf. 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 continues to meet each Wednesday at 7:00pm on Zoom. We are currently reading *The Spirituality of the Cross* by Gene Veith. Please speak with pastor to join!

**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 has begun 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 CALL NEWS:** Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, **has received** the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania. + Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND, **is still considering** the call to Ascension, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace, Sleepy Eye and Faith, New Ulm, MN, **is still considering** the call to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is **still considering** the call to Redemption, Lynnwood, WA.

**CLC TRIP TO ISRAEL:** A CLC group trip to Israel is set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. October 1st is the deadline for registering for the trip and guaranteeing that you will be able to fly to Israel and back with the rest of our group. While you can still register after October 1st, there is a good chance that you would have to travel on the overseas flights separately from the others registered for the trip. We currently have 24 people registered for the trip from several CLC congregations across the country. If you have any questions or would like more information about this special trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602; [ndmayhew@gmail.com](mailto:ndmayhew@gmail.com)).

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

September Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Muellers

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 27

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$62,846.15
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4064.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$58,015.90
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5821.59
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$63,927.50

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Thu. 9/21</b>	7pm	Church Book Club via Zoom (moved from Wed)
<b>Fri. 9/23</b>	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
<b>Sun. 10/2</b>	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	Worship Service
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Tue. 10/11</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Bd of Ed/Outreach Meetings
<b>Thu. 10/13</b>	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
<b>Sun. 10/16</b>	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
<b>Thu. 11/3</b>	7pm	CLC Mental Health Seminar