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**BUT GODLINESS
WITH CONTENTMENT
IS GREAT · GAIN**

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 282 (TLH): *Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measure*

- 1. Christians, come, in sweetest measures Sing of those who spread the treasures
In the holy Gospels shrined; Blessed tidings of salvation,
Peace on earth their proclamation, Love from God to lost mankind.**
- 2. See the rivers four that gladden With their streams the better Eden,
Planted by our Savior dear. Christ the fountain, these the waters.
Drink, O Zion's sons and daughters; Drink and find salvation here.**
- 3. Here our souls, by Jesus sated, More and more shall be translated
Earth's temptations far above; Freed from sin's abhorred dominion,
Soaring on angelic pinion, They shall reach the Source of love.**
- 4. Then shall thanks and praise ascending For Thy mercies without ending
Rise to Thee, O Savior blest. With Thy gracious aid defend us,
Let Thy guiding light attend us, Bring us to Thy place of rest.**

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

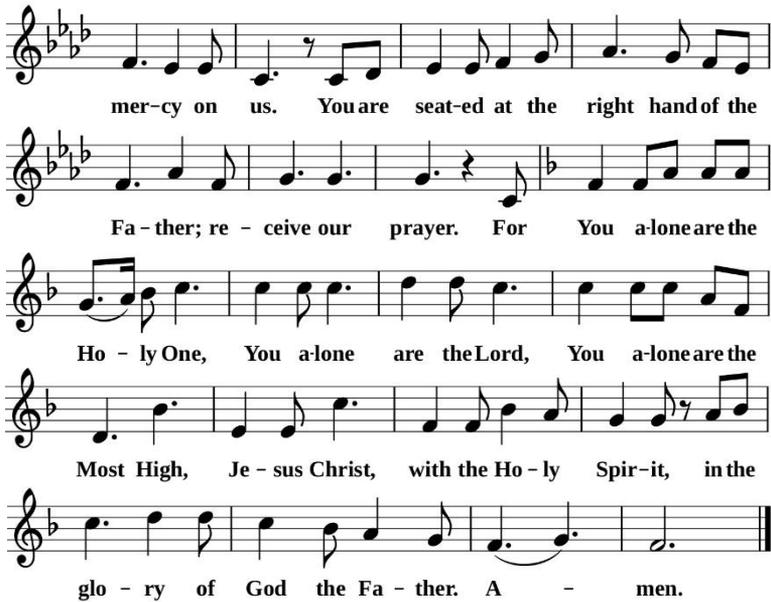
Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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: Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ² Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³ O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 146*

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C** **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- C** **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**
- P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- C** **Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**
- P** Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C** **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
- P** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C** **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**



The Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

"There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers--so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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 293 (TLH): O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

**1. O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever,
So that when death is drawing nigh, We to His open wounds may fly
And find in them salvation.**

**2. Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
Yea, let us die to every sin, For heaven create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish.**

**3. And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior's hand
To rest in peace eternal.**

The Sermon: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Theme: KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE ETERNAL BOTTOM LINE

- I. The love of money yields discontent and destruction.
- II. Faith in Christ yields contentment and eternal life.

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 430:1,4,6-8 (TLH): *What Is the World to Me*

**1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's Delight shalt be;
Thou art my Peace, my Rest, - What is the world to me!**

**4. The world seeks after wealth And all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill it coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth, - What is the world to me!**

**6. The world with wanton pride Exalts its sinful pleasures
And for them foolishly Gives up the heavenly treasures.**

**Let others love the world With all its vanity;
I love the Lord, my God, - What is the world to me!**

**7. The world abideth not; Lo, like a flash 'twill vanish;
With all it gorgeous pomp Pale death it cannot banish;**

**Its riches pass away, And all its joys must flee;
But Jesus doth abide, - What is the world to me!**

**8. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth, My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All, My Bliss eternally.**

Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

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 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 442:5 (TLH): Lord of Glory, Who hast Brought Us

**4. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
But, oh! best of all Thy graces, Give us Thine own charity.**

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

THE 4th QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is today at 11am. Here are some major agenda items to pray for: 1) A decision to possibly end mission subsidy; 2) the hymnal committee proposal (see announcement below); 3) commissioning a 50th Anniversary planning committee (both men and women welcome to volunteer).

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 invite your friends and neighbors!

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, **has returned the call** to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania. + Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace, Sleepy Eye and Faith, New Ulm, MN, **has returned the call** to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Ben Mueller Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 15; Bible Class/Sunday School =

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$67,807.69
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2553.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$61,403.90
Over/Under Year-to-Date:			-\$6403.79
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6160.39
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$64,227.50

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Tue. 10/18	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Bd of Ed/Outreach Meetings
Wed. 10/19	7pm	Church Book Club via Zoom
Thu. 10/20	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Fri. 10/21	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sun. 10/23	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	Worship Service
Sun. 10/30	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Thu. 11/3	7pm	CLC Mental Health Seminar at Mt. Zion

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jackie's infant grandson, Josiah**, underwent successful open heart surgery last month and continues to recover at home. **Jay Sandeen's** army unit is making final preparations for deployment to Iraq.