

October 23, 2022



Guard the  
**GOOD TREASURE**  
entrusted to you,  
with the help of the  
**HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 Timothy 1:14, NRSV



**MT. ZION**

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## 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15 (TLH):** *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

**1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### 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: *Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4*

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. <sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

**2:1** I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup> For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end--it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 27 Selected Verses*

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
- P** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- C** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
- C** **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**
- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C** **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**



## The Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:1-10*

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup> and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

<sup>7</sup> "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup> Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

**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 780 (WS2000): Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give**

**1. Dear Lord, to Your true servants give The grace to You alone to live.  
Set free from sin to serve You, Lord, They go to share your living Word,  
The Gospel message to proclaim That all may call upon Your name.**

**2. They gladly go at Your command To spread Your Word o'er sea and land.  
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.  
Your rule is over wind and wave, And mighty is Your arm to save.**

**3. When all their labor seems in vain, Revive their sinking hopes again;  
And when success crowns what they do, Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true  
Until before Your judgment seat They lay their trophies at Your feet.**

### **The Sermon: 2 Timothy 1:3-14**

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

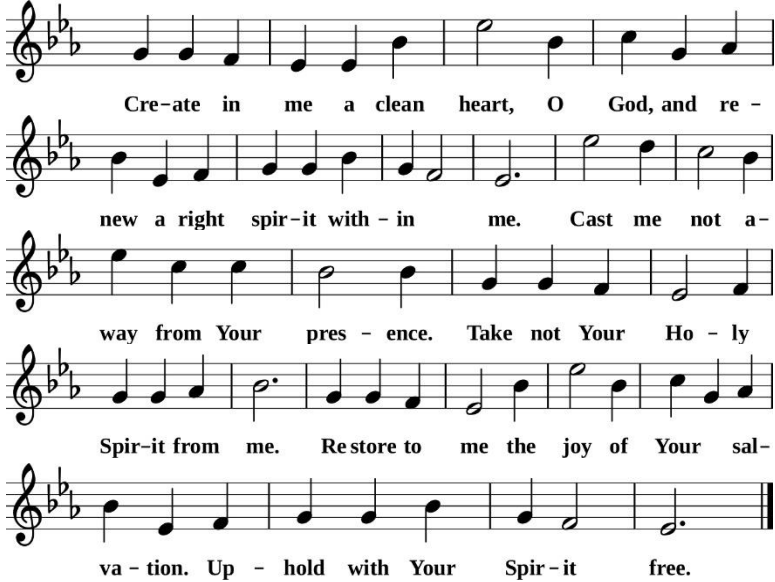
<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

### **Theme: GOSPEL FANATICS**

- I. According to the purpose of God's grace (3-5,9-10)
- II. Mightily equipped with God's gifts (6-7)
- III. Unashamed of God's good deposit (8,11-14)

## 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 297 (TLH): *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*

- 1. The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.***
- 2. It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And call the souls with guilt opprest To come and find eternal rest.***
- 3. It brings the Savior's righteousness Our souls to robe in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.***
- 4. It is the power of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.***
- 5. It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The heavy-laden souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.***
- 6. May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our Righteousness!***

## 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 50:1-2 (TLH): *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness!**

**2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!**



## **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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER VOTERS MEETING SUMMARY:** Opened with prayer at 11:19am... Minutes from the Q3 meeting read and approved... Pastor's report presented and accepted... **Membership Matters:** David and Sandy Baker, Rachel Maldonado, and Jesse Wilke accepted into communicant membership (47 total members: 39 communicants, 8 pre-communicants)... Jesse Wilke, Mason Dzakowic, and Jeremiah Rosen accepted as voters... **Officers Reports:** Treasurer's report presented and accepted with request for additional information regarding "miscellaneous expenses"... Financial Secretary, Board of Trustees, Board of Education, Outreach Committee, Hymnal Committee, and Board of Finance reports presented and accepted... No tech committee report... **Old Business:** None... **New Business:** MMC (motion made and carried) to go off CLC subsidy beginning in 2023 (vote was unanimous)... MMC to adopt the *Lutheran Service Book* as our primary hymnal and continue to us the *Worship Supplement 2000* for liturgies, effective in 2023... Appointees for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee: Zaiga Hauserman, Susan Fobear, Andrea D'Onofrio, Ashley Naumann, Danielle Wittorp, Martha Schaller, Mason Dzakowic... MMC for Jesse Wilke to conduct a layservice on November 2, Matt Fobear to conduct Bible Class... **Next Meeting Date** set for January 15, 2023... Meeting adjourned with the Apostolic Blessing at 1:47pm.

**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 Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, **has received** the dual call to serve Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor David Naumann of St. John's, Clarkson, WA and Peace, Orofino, ID, **has received** the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania.

**CLC PASTOR IN OUR PRAYERS:** This past week Pastor John Hein, 56, of Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN (MSP) was diagnosed with thymic carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer of the thymus gland. Pastor Hein also serves as Chairman of the Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. He and his wife Janelle have six grown children and five grandchildren. Janelle teaches at Grace Lutheran Elementary school. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer. 29:11*

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

October Usher: Ben Mueller    Church Cleaning: Fobears

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 26; Bible Class/Sunday School = 19

Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$69,461.54
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2477.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$62,307.90
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6250.79
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$64,227.50

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Wed. 10/26</b>	7pm	Church Book Club via Zoom
<b>Fri. 10/28</b>	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
<b>Sun. 10/30</b>	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	Reformation Sunday Worship Service
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Thu. 11/3</b>	7pm	CLC Mental Health Seminar at Mt. Zion
<b>Tue. 11/8</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Bd of Ed/Outreach Meetings
<b>Thu. 11/10</b>	7pm	Trustees Meeting
<b>Tue. 11/15</b>	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting

**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. **David Baker** was in the hospital last week with pneumonia. He is now recovering at home.