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# Happy New Year!

If God is for us,  
who can be against us?

Romans 8:31 ESV



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# New Year's Day Song Service



**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, send Your Spirit from on high upon Your believing children everywhere that they may be true to the faith and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. May Your Word proclaimed to us this New Year continue to make us wise unto salvation and direct our lives to be fashioned more and more after Your image. In Your name we ask it, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 396:1-4 (TLH):** *Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

- 1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;*
- 2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;*
- 3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without;  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;*
- 4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile.*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- I** 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.*

- I** 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.**

## **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.**

## **Hymns.....Congregation's Favorites**

### **Responsive Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

*Faith in Christ gives us life!*

**P** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**C For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.**

**P** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

**C By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,**

**P** In order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**C For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,**

**P** But those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

**C For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

**P** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- C** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.
- P** Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
- C** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- P** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
- C** He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Hymns.....Congregation’s Favorites

**Responsive Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

*By faith the Holy Spirit does great things!*

- P** So then, brothers, we are debtors,
- C** Not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
- P** For if you live according to the flesh you will die,
- C** But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- P** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- C** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
- P** But you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- C** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- P** And if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,
- C** Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Hymns.....Congregation’s Favorites

**Responsive Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25**

*Faith hopes and perseveres.*

- P** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- C** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

- P** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it,
- C** **In hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**
- P** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
- C** **And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**
- P** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?
- C** **But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

**Hymns.....Congregation’s Favorites**

**Responsive Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:26-30***

*Faith trusts prayer and God’s plan.*

- P** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
- C** **For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,**
- P** But the Spirit himself intercedes for us,
- C** **With groanings too deep for words.**
- P** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
- C** **Because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**
- P** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
- C** **For those who are called according to his purpose.**
- P** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
- C** **In order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**
- P** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified,
- C** **And those whom he justified he also glorified.**

**Hymns.....Congregation’s Favorites**

## Responsive Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:31-39*

*Faith is the key to the future!*

- P** What then shall we say to these things?  
**C** **If God is for us, who can be against us?**  
**P** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,  
**C** **How will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**  
**P** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?  
**C** **It is God who justifies.**  
**P** Who is to condemn?  
**C** **Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised—**  
**P** Who is at the right hand of God,  
**C** **Who indeed is interceding for us.**  
**P** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
**C** **Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?**  
**P** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
**C** **We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."**  
**P** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
**C** **Through him who loved us.**  
**P** For I am sure that neither death nor life,  
**C** **Nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,**  
**P** Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
**C** **Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymns.....Congregation's Favorites

The Sermon: *Romans 8:31*

What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?

**Theme: FAITH IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE**

- I. Faith us sure that God is for us  
II. Faith challenges: "Who can be against us?"

## 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.

## Hymns.....Congregation's Favorites

### 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 "Sclcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

*(127:3): **As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav'nly King!***

### 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 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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of these things which are not seen; 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 highest.



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 396:6 (TLH):** *Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

**6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.**

Faith

## Common Hymn Favorites

### The Lutheran Hymnal

1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"  
 15 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"  
 19 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"  
 23 "Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring"  
 39 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
 46 "On What Has Now Been Sown"  
 47 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"  
 54 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
 118 "Father, Let Me Dedicate"  
 144 "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"  
 153 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"  
 187 "Christ is Arisen"  
 199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"  
 200 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"  
 212 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"  
 245 "God Loved the Word so that He Gave"  
 266 "O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"  
 279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"  
 297 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"  
 341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
 342 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"  
 370 "My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"  
 371 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"  
 376 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"  
 381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"  
 387 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"  
 388 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"  
 400 "Take My Life and Let It Be"  
 410 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"  
 416 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"  
 422 "Savior, I Follow On"  
 428 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"  
 436 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
 463 "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors"  
 465 "Christ Is Our Corner-Stone"  
 473 "The Church's One Foundation"  
 496 "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying"  
 552 "Abide With Me, Fast Fall the Eventide"  
 558 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"  
 574 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
 577 "God Bless Our Native Land"  
 648 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"  
 651 "Be Still, My Soul"  
 652 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"  
 656 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"  
 657 "Beautiful Savior"  
 658 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"  
 660 "Heaven is My Home"

### Worship Supplement 2000

706 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"  
 709 "God Loves Me Dearly"  
 710 "Once in Royal David's City"  
 712 "What Child is This"  
 715 "Where Shepherds Lately Kneel"  
 721 "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"  
 722 "Deep Were His Wounds"  
 723 "What Wondrous Love Is This"  
 724 "Jesus, Remember Me"  
 732 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"  
 738 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"  
 742 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"  
 744 "How Great Thou Art"  
 750 "See This Wonder in the Making"  
 751 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"  
 755 "What Is This Bread"  
 757 "Christ Triumphant"  
 759 "These Are the Facts"  
 760 "Oh, Love, How Deep"  
 764 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
 767 "Church of God, elect and Glorious"  
 769 "Lift High the Cross"  
 771 "Listen, God Is Calling"  
 774 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
 775 "Thy Strong Word"  
 777 "Amazing Grace"  
 780 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give  
 784 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"  
 785 "Children of the Heavenly Father"  
 790 "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us"  
 792 "Let All Things Now Living"  
 794 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem"  
 798 "God, We Praise You"  
 799 "This Is the Feast of Victory"  
 800 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

## **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.

**NO BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY:** Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on January 8.

**CHURCH OFFICER INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY:** The following 2023 church officers will be installed during the Sunday worship service on January 8: President Carl Ryan (1yr); Vice President Matt Fobear (1yr); Secretary Randy Wittorp (1yr); Treasurer Nathan Fobear (1yr); Financial Secretary Ben Mueller (1yr); Trustee Nicholas Jakel (3yrs); Elder Dave Troyan (3yrs); Board of Finance: Jesse Wilke and Jim Lucas (1yr); Board of Education: Dave Troyan (1yr), Matt Fobear (1yr), and Randy Wittorp (2yr).

**AN AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY** is being planned for Friday, January 13. Pizza, snacks, a white elephant gift exchange and games! Everyone is welcome, so please mark your calendar.

**THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, January 15 at 11am. 2022 Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their 2022 annual reports to President Carl Ryan by January 8 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting.

**THANK YOU** to the members of Mt. Zion for the monetary Christmas gift. We are humbled once again by your great generosity. We could not ask for a better church family. Your love for the LORD is made evident by your love for us. A love which we certainly return in kind. Joyfully serving Christ our Savior with you all, – Pastor Tom Naumann, Ashley, Aurora, Jed, and Gabriel.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Tue. 1/3</b>	7pm	Board of Finance Budget Meeting
<b>Sun. 1/8</b>	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service (w/ Communion & Church Officer Installations)
<b>Tue. 1/10</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
<b>Fri. 1/13</b>	6pm	After-Christmas Party
<b>Sun. 1/15</b>	11am	Q1 Voters Meeting
<b>Fri. 1/20</b>	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Resumes
<b>Sun. 1/22</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

January Usher: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Cleaning: Naumann

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Christmas Eve = 21; Christmas Day = 19

Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$86,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$14,962.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$90,821.16
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$9102.12
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$67,557.99

**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. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby girl in April. **Stephen Hughes** has been dealing with some heart issues and is waiting for test results. **CLC Pastor John Hein** (Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN) is receiving treatment for stage 4 thymic carcinoma cancer.

**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**  
**SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary, Marquette, MI has **received** the call to serve Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW CLC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:** The "EduK8 Fund" is a new opportunity for CLC members to invest in the Christian education of our young people. Donations to this fund will be used to start and maintain Christian schools in the CLC. This fund was established last summer at convention and is administered by the CLC Board of Trustees at the direction of the Board of Education and Publications.

**THE ILC BUILDING COMMITTEE** has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. A PDF presentation can be seen at [tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres](http://tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres). An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at [tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru](http://tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru). Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."