

January 8, 2023



ARISE, SHINE;
for your light has come,
and the glory of
THE LORD
has risen upon you.



Isaiah 60:1, NRSV

MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church
Madison Heights, MI

Pastor Tom Naumann
(248) 677-7242

mtzionlutheran.info



Epiphany Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Savior, graciously forgive our many sins. Supply us with hearts prepared by Your holy Word to worship You even as those believers, Simeon and Anna of old, who by faith believed and waited for Your first coming into the world. Guard and keep us through that Word until Your second appearance, when You will come in all power and glory to judge the world. In Your name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 129 (TLH): *Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing*

- 1. Hail, Thou Source of every blessing, Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, Thy grace possessing, In Thy courts admission find.
Grateful now we fall before Thee, In Thy Church obtain a place,
Now by faith behold Thy glory, Praise Thy truth, adore Thy grace.**
- 2. Once far off, but now invited, We approach Thy sacred throne;
In Thy covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine;
Mystery hid in former ages, Mystery great of love divine.**
- 3. Hail, Thou all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Thy temples seek Thy favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Thy praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise!**

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-shiped 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 Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-12*

Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 72 Selected Verses*

P Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

C In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

P May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

C May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!



P For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

C He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

P From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

C May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

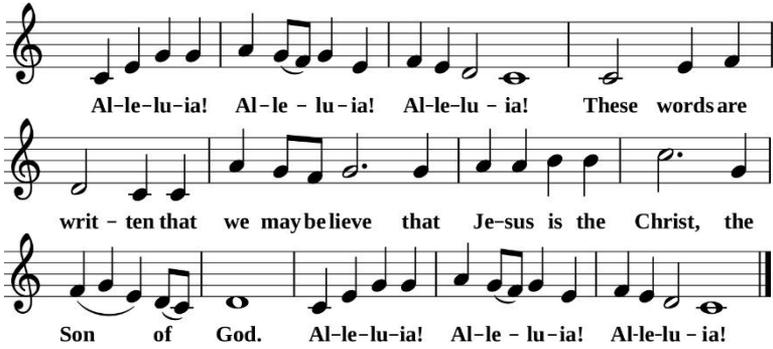
C Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

There Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Installation of Church Officers

President Carl Ryan (1yr)

Financial Secretary Ben Mueller (1yr)

Vice President Matt Fobear (1yr)

Trustee Nicholas Jakel (3yr)

Secretary Randy Wittorp (1yr)

Elder Dave Troyan (3yr)

Treasurer Nathan Fobear (1yr)

Board of Finance: Jesse Wilke (1yr) and Jim Lucas (1yr)

Board of Education: Dave Troyan (1yr), Matt Fobear(1yr), Randy Wittorp (2yr)

Hymn 127 (TLH): As with Gladness Men of Old

**1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!**

**2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!**

**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 heavenly King!**

**4. Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past. Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**5. In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King!**

The Sermon: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Theme: THE END OF NIGHT

I. Jesus dispels the darkness (1-2)

II. Jesus multiplies the light (3-4)

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (vv.1-3 Christopher Powers, v.4 TLH 277)

1. ***I heard the voice of Jesus say "My child, do not fear."
"But Lord," replied my trembling heart, "The darkness is so near."
"It rises up before my eyes, it quenches every light.
With cruel and hopeless words it weaves a world that ends in night."***
2. ***"Oh Lord!" I cried, "please give me light, my suffer'ing who can tell?
Come down in to this damn'ed night, with hope, invade my hell."
And then from depths immeasurable a new voice came to me.
"This very threat that you so fear I bore upon the Tree."***
3. ***"And should you fall into the pit that you most deeply fear
There you will find by Calvr'y's love my heart to yours draws near.
"So turn, my son, my trembling son, lies cannot dwell in Light.
Look on the Truth, believe my Love, I Am the End of Night."***
4. ***I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; your morn shall rise And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.***

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 "Scmctzion". 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

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 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 Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -

san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your 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."



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the

peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -

grace: A light to lead the Gen - tles Un - to Your ho - ly
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er

hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through

cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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 359:1,3 (TLH): *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.**
- 3. Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiance Divine, Scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.**

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.

CHURCH UNDECORATING: If you can stay for a little while after church today, please help take down the indoor and outdoor church Christmas decorations. It shouldn’t take too long. Many hands make light work!

AN AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY is being planned for Friday, January 13. Pizza will be served at 6:00pm and games/activities will follow at 6:45pm. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped white elephant gift (under \$10, and can be something you already have). Everyone is welcome!

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.

JAY SANDEEN CARE PACKAGE: We are collecting items for a care package to send to Mt. Zion member Jay Sandeen who is currently deployed in Iraq. Jay resides in Columbus, OH and is a faithful attendee of our monthly services in Cleveland. A box has been designated in the back of church for donated items. Here are some ideas: lightweight non-perishable snacks or homemade foods, single-serve drink mixes, crosswords or puzzle books, a favorite novel (not too thick), family photos, encouraging letters, Bible verse calendar/bookmark/card deck. Collection ends January 31.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

| | | |
|------------------|-------|---|
| Tue. 1/10 | 7-9pm | Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings |
| Fri. 1/13 | 2pm | UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Resumes |
| | 6pm | After-Christmas Party |
| Sun. 1/15 | 9am | Bible Class/Sunday School |

| | | |
|------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| | 10am | Worship Service |
| | 11am | Q1 Voters Meeting |
| Sun. 1/22 | 4pm | Cleveland Area Worship Service |
| Wed. 2/22 | 7pm | Ash Wednesday Service |

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 24; Bible Class/Sunday School = N/A

| | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted: | N/A | Total Offerings Budgeted YTD: | N/A |
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Received: | N/A | Total Offerings Received YTD: | \$1691.00 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): | | | N/A |
| Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: | | | \$67,572.99 |

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 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 *is still considering* the call to serve Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

MINISTRY BY MAIL PODCAST: The CLC's weekly sermon publication "Ministry by Mail" provides print sermons by postal mail, email, and online (www.LutheranSermons.org and on Facebook). Beginning with Advent, we have added audio publication of our sermons with the current sermon uploaded each Saturday. Audio is available on most major podcast providers – Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Spotify, and Anchor.FM. Search "CLC Ministry by Mail" in these services to find us and subscribe to follow. For more information contact Editor Nathan Pfeiffer at editor@lutheransermons.org