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**MT. ZION**

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 704 *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

- 1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.*
- 2. Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.*
- 3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.*
- 4. Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.*

### 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: *Isaiah 58:5-9a*

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 111*

- P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**C** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**P** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**C** He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**P** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**C** They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**C** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!



### The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a treble clef. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The lyrics are: '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!'

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## The Apostles' 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.

## From Luther's Small Catechism

*A weekly refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.*

- P** What is the third commandment?  
**C** Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** We should fear and love God that we do not despise His Word and the preaching of it; but we should regard God's Word as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

## Hymn 578:1-5 *Thy Strong Word*

*1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee While thine ordered seasons run.*

*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

*2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath. [Refrain...]*

*3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess. [Refrain...]*

*4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. [Refrain...]*

*5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!*

## The Sermon: *Matthew 5:13-16*

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

### Theme: **FIRST BLESSED, THEN A BLESSING**

I. "You are salt, so be salt."

II. "You are light, so be light."



## 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 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**[Refrain:] In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.**

**Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**

**[Refrain]**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**[Refrain]**

## 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 "Scilmztion". 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 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.*

**☩ The Lord be with you.**

**☩ And also with you.**

**☩ Lift up your hearts.**

**☩ We lift them up to the Lord.**

**☩ 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, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a**

Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory; 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.*

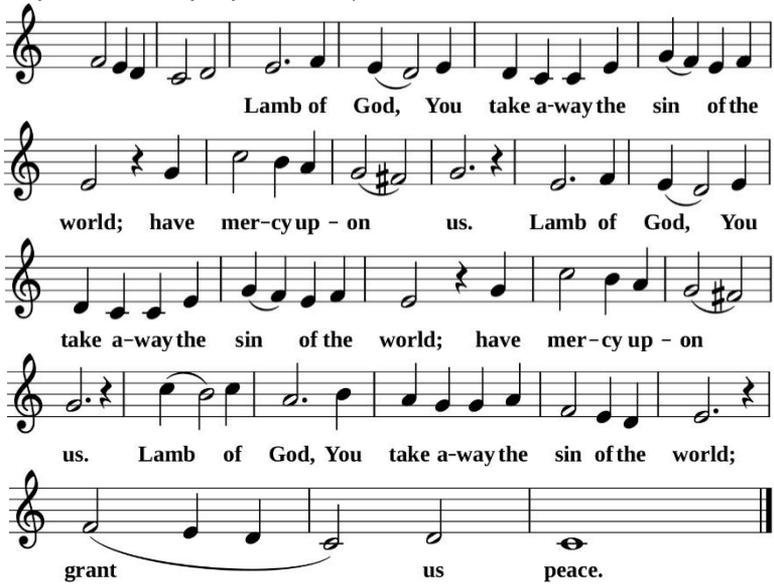
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

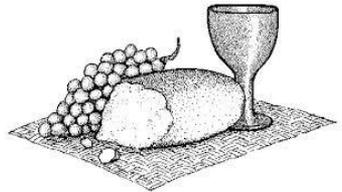
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### 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)*

### Closing Hymn 578:6 *Thy Strong Word*

**6. God the Father, light-creator, To thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

### WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

- P** What is the fourth commandment?
- C** **You shall honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **We should fear and love God that we do not despise nor anger our parents or superiors; but we should honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.**

## **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.

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE** is meeting today following the service. We will be selecting a date for the anniversary celebration and make other plans for the event.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year Mt. Zion is once again holding 6 midweek services every Wednesday at 7pm during the Lenten season. Midweek services are a great way to spend some extra time focusing on the love of Christ, who sacrificed himself to take away our sins. Hope you can join us!

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

<b>Today</b>	11am	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting
<b>Fri. 2/17</b>	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
<b>Sun. 2/19</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
<b>Wed. 2/22</b>	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Tue. 3/14</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings

### **SERVING US THIS WEEK:**

February Usher: Ben Mueller    Church Cleaning: Wittorps

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 17; Bible Class/Sunday School = 12

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$11,884.62	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$12,875.05	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3631.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1287.51
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$67,747.99

### **IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

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

**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's** father passed away this last Tuesday; the funeral was yesterday in Wisconsin. **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 Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato **has received the call** to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor. <> Retired Pastor Mark Bernthal **has accepted the call** to serve in a part-time vacancy capacity at Messiah, Eau Claire.

**ARTS CAMP 2023:** Registration for Arts Camp 2023 opened Monday, February 6. Camp will take place on the campus of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN and will run from March 24-26. Arts camp is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a wide variety of sessions based on music, drama, crafts and more. Arts Camp is open to students in grades 5-8. Register at: <https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/>

**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.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ILC?** Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at [ILC.edu](http://ILC.edu), or contact our Academic Dean, [paul.naumann@ilc.edu](mailto:paul.naumann@ilc.edu), phone (715) 836-6636.