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Romans 5:19, NRSV



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1st Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Almighty and everlasting God, during this Lenten Season You graciously offer to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your dear Son. Send Your Holy Spirit that we may by faith lay hold of Your offer of grace and mercy. Moved by Your Gospel, we give continual thanks and praise to You, and count on Your strength to live our lives obedient to Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

- 1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**
- 2. Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**
- 3. Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.**
- 4. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

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.

G Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7*

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden,

neither shall you touch it, lest you die."⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 130*

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

C O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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 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 refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.*

P What is the fifth commandment?

C You shall not murder.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God that we do not hurt nor harm our neighbor's body; but we should help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.

Hymn 424 *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

1. *O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.*
2. *No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, the food Your grace imparts.*
3. *No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.*
4. *When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.*
5. *O Christ, Your walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.*

The Sermon: Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned--¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Theme: LENT BRINGS US BACK TO THE BASICS

- I. Adam trespassed, sin spread, death reigned.
- II. Christ sacrificed, grace abounds, life wins!

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 561 *The Tree of Life*

- 1. The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and women eat.
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.**
- 2. The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.**
- 3. What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need--
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!**
- 4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of its fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.**

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)*

Closing Hymn 571:1,6 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
- 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

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.

50th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE has been set for Sunday, August 6, at 4pm. We will be inviting any and all CLC members to join us for a special worship service and fellowship meal, observing 50 years of God’s grace at Mt. Zion (1973-2023). The committee is preparing historical displays, photo albums, and purchasable memorabilia for the celebration. Mark your calendars!

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year Mt. Zion is again holding 6 midweek services every Wednesday at 7pm during the Lenten season. We will also be participating in a “pulpit exchange” with our sister congregations in Saginaw and Sister Lakes. Our theme this year: *Mementos of His Passion*.

DIVINE CALL: I have received a divine call to serve as the pastor of the joint parish of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area) and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. I now have two divine calls: One here to serve Mt. Zion congregation, and one to serve these two Washington congregations. As I prayerfully consider these calls, this is the main question: “At which location (here at Mt. Zion or there at Redemption/Ascension) can I best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me?” I welcome your comments, advice, and opinions. I ask for your prayers that the will of our LORD be done. – In Christ, Pastor Tom Naumann

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 3/1	7pm	2 nd Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Wilke)
Sun. 3/5	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service (w/ Communion)
	4pm	Cleveland Worship Service
Sun. 3/12	11am	50 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Tue. 3/14	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Thu. 4/6	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri. 4/7	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 4/9	10am	Easter Breakfast Potluck (Men Cook)
	11am	Easter Worship Service

SERVING US THIS WEEK:

February Usher: Ben Mueller Church Cleaning: Wittorps

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 26; Bible Class/Sunday School = 12

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$15,846.15	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$16,979.05	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4104.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1697.91
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$70,292.99

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. **CLC Pastor John Hein** (Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN) is receiving treatment for stage 4 thymic carcinoma cancer.

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

P What is the sixth commandment?

C **You shall not commit adultery.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God that we live a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor one another.**

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 Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion, Greater Detroit Area, MI, *is still considering the call* to Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension in Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, *is considering the call* to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, as the third pastor.

CLC YOUTH CAMP 2023 will be held at the Pillager, MN location from June 11-17. Registration opens March 18 at 3pm CST for campers entering grades 6-12. More information can be found at youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp. Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.

THE TOUR CHOIR OF IMMANEUL LUTHERAN High School, College, and Seminary will be offering a series of fourteen special concerts from March 5-26, 2023 at locations in Texas and the Midwest. These concerts are all open to the public and admission is free. Visit tourchoir.org online for updated information on the choir's upcoming schedule.