

June 18, 2023



Summer Sermon Series:

Lutheran Worship

The Invocation (6/18)

Confession and Absolution (6/25)

The Creed (7/2)

The Word (7/9)

The Sacraments (7/23)

Prayer and Praise (7/30)



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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord, as we come Thy name to praise, may we feel Thy presence near; may Thy glory meet our eyes while we in Thy house appear! Here afford us, Lord, a taste of our everlasting feast. In Jesus name we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 901 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

1 *Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

2 *Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!*

3 *Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.*

4 *Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in the strife.*

5 *Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.*

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 Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 10:19-25*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 27:7-14*

- P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- C** You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- P** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- C** For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
- P** Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- C** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
- 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: *Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- 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 Petition of the Lord's Prayer?
- C** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look on our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of things for which we are asking, neither have we deserved them. However, we ask that our Father would by His grace give us what we ask; even though we sin often every day and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. We, too, will from our hearts gladly forgive and do good to all those who sin against us. Give us this day our daily bread.

Hymn 605 *Father Welcomes*

*Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His family through His Son,
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.*

*1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. [Refrain]*

*2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again.*

*3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. [Refrain]*

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“LUTHERAN WORSHIP”

Genesis 28:16-17 – The Invocation

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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 907 *God Himself Is Present*

**1 God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.**

**God is in His temple; All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.**

He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His Name forever!

**2 God himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy!" Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.**

Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your church now raises.

**3 Fount of every blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.**

Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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 "Scclmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(WS 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)

☩ 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.

☩ Amen!

Closing Hymn 816:3 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

**3 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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 our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

A BLESSED FATHER’S DAY TO ALL! *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4*

A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KATELYN BOYCE is being held next Sunday, June 25, following the worship service. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. Katelyn is marrying Ty Kleeves on July 29.

VBS STAFF MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, July 2, following the worship service. All teachers, helpers, and staff are asked to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is July 10-13, Mon-Thu, 6:00-8:00pm (evening sessions) for children 4yrs-8th Grade. Flyers with more info are available on the hymnal shelf. Go to mtzionlutheran.info to register!

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 20th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 17-20 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 12. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

50th ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE: All CLC members are invited to a special worship service observing the 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church of Madison Heights (Detroit), MI, on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 4:00pm. The three-part service will thank and praise God for His grace upon Mt. Zion’s past, present, and future; with special guest preaching from Pastor Em. Walter Schaller, who served as pastor of Mt. Zion from 2000-17, and Pastor David Naumann, chairman of the CLC Board of Education and Publications. A catered meal will be provided following the service. Please RSVP to Pastor Tom Naumann at 920-266-5387 or tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com.

THE CLC GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE is being held this week (Tue-Thu) at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor will be attending. The agenda is as follows: 1) *Old Testament Exegesis: Amos 1:1ff / Pastor Joseph Naumann.* 2) *Theses and Antitheses: “What Scripture Teaches Regarding Admonition and” Termination of Fellowship” / Board of Doctrine (Presenter: Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck).* 3) *An Evaluation of Bible Translations – Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer.* 4) *New Testament Exegesis: 2 Thessalonians 2:13ff / Pastor Michael Roehl.* 5) *Report on Called Worker Mental Health Survey / Pastor Thomas Naumann* 6) *Close Communion and Selective Fellowship – A Study / Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck.* 7) *Pornography--The Secret Sin No One Wants to Talk About / Pastor Caleb Schaller.* 8) *Part 1 of the BoD/Joint Committee Report to Convention / Pastor Paul Nolting.* 9) *Devotional Study of Revelation Chapter One / Pastor Terrel Kesterson.*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 6/4/23

Attendance Last Sunday = 25

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$43,576.92	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$53,787.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2792.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5378.78
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$77,156.99

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Nicholas Jakes Church Cleaning: Wittorps

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue.-Thu. 6/20-6/22		CLC General Pastoral Conference Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 6/25	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	Bridal Shower for Katelyn Boyce
Tue. 6/27	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Wed. 6/28	8:30pm	Anniversary Committee Meeting (Remote)
Sun. 7/2	11am	VBS Staff Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Sun. 7/9	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/10 – Thu. 7/13	6pm-8pm	Vacation Bible School
Mon. 7/17 – Thu. 7/20		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, Ottawa County, MI
Sun. 8/6	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner

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 Ryans** are expecting a baby girl in September. **Kathy Schaller** (wife of former Mt. Zion Pastor Walt Schaller) passed away on Wednesday. **Edward Shaw** (father of Mt. Zion member-in-training Nichole Anderson) passed away on Friday. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic cancer.

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

What is the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer? **And lead us not into temptation.**

What does this mean? **God indeed tempts no one; but we pray in this petition that He would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our flesh do not deceive us or lead us into misbelief, hopelessness, or any other shameful or sinful acts; and, although we are tempted by them, we ask that we win in the end and keep the victory.**

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 James Naumann of Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND **has returned the call** to Calvary, Marquette, MI. <> Pastor Mike Roehl of St. Paul, Bismarck, ND **has received the call** from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Samuel Naumann **has resigned his call** to Resurrection, Corpus Christi for personal reasons. Please keep Sam and his family, as well as the Corpus Christi congregation in your prayers.