

June 25, 2023



Summer Sermon Series:

# Lutheran Worship

The Invocation (6/18)

Confession and Absolution (6/25)

The Creed (7/2)

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The Sacraments (7/23)

Prayer and Praise (7/30)



# MT. ZION

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Dear Lord Jesus, grant us grace to recognize that we are helpless to earn our eternal salvation. Always fix our eyes of faith upon You. Send us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and nourish us in our faith that we may abound more and more in the desires and thoughts, the words and deeds, which are fruit and evidence of our faith. In Your name, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 609:1-5 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

**1** *Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**2** *We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**3** *Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**4** *I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**5** *Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion:  
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.*

#### 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** 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-shipped 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 Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 33:10-20*

"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup> "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup> Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup> Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup> if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup> None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup> "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup> And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup> Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Psalms,  
Hymns,  
&  
Spiritual  
Songs



## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 32*

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**C** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**P** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**P** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

**C** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

### The Gospel Reading: *John 1:29-37*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

**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 Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?  
**C** And lead us not into temptation.  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** 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.

## Hymn 606 *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

*1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.*

*2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fulness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.*

*3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.*

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

## “LUTHERAN WORSHIP”

### *1 John 1:8-9 – Confession and Absolution*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through 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 616 *Baptismal Waters Cover Me*

***1 Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father's mercy here I plead, For grievous sins of thought and deed.***

***2 I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;  
I lay before him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.***

***3 Lord, may your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart;  
Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves you joyfully.***

***4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shepherd speaks, but you are heard;  
Through him your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.***

***5 Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace, With joy I praise him for his grace.***

## 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 "Scclmztzion". 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 609:6-7 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

***6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.***

***7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.***



## **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 BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KATELYN BOYCE** is today 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 next Sunday, July 2, following the worship service. All teachers, helpers, and staff are asked to attend.

**THE VICTORY SERVICE OF ED SHAW** (father of Mt. Zion member-in-training Nichole Anderson) was held yesterday at a funeral home in New Baltimore. Pastor Tom officiated. Ed held no formal church membership, but Pastor was able to minister to him several times over the past few months and most importantly when he was near death. While we are saddened for the family's loss, we rejoice for Ed's eternal gain! Correspondence can be sent to Nichole Anderson, 28820 Bingham Dr., Chesterfield, MI 48047.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is July 10-13, Mon-Thu, 6:00-8:00pm (evening sessions) for children 4yrs-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Flyers with more info are available on the hymnal shelf. Go to [mtzionlutheran.info](http://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](http://mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp).

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE:** We are hosting a special worship service observing the 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion 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 [tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:tomnaumann.pastor@gmail.com).

**THE CLC GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE** was held this past week (Tue-Thu) at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor attended at Mt. Zion's representative. Copies of the essays are available on a table in the church basement.

**SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Nicholas Jakel Church Cleaning: Wittorps

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Attendance Last Sunday = 26

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$49,519.23	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$60,432.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$5332.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6043.23
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$77,236.99

**MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Today</b>	11am	Bridal Shower for Katelyn Boyce
<b>Tue. 6/27</b>	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
<b>Wed. 6/28</b>	8:30pm	Anniversary Committee Meeting (Remote)
<b>Sun. 7/2</b>	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
	11am	VBS Staff Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Sun. 7/9</b>	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
<b>Mon. 7/10 – Thu. 7/13</b>	6pm-8pm	Vacation Bible School
<b>Mon. 7/17 – Thu. 7/20</b>		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, Ottawa County, MI
<b>Sun. 8/6</b>	4pm	50 <sup>th</sup> 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 last Wednesday. **Edward Shaw** (father of Mt. Zion member-in-training Nichole Anderson) passed away last Friday. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic cancer.

**WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:**

What is the Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer? **But deliver us from evil.**

What does this mean? **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

**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 Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND *is considering the call* from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

**CLC MISSION HELPERS TO NEPAL:** Thirteen Mission Helpers will depart on an evening flight from Chicago on Monday (6/26) on their way to Kathmandu, Nepal where they will be met by Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, his family, and other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). The Mission Helpers will divide into three teams as they spend the next couple of weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: [2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com](http://2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com). Your prayers are requested.