

July 2, 2023



Summer Sermon Series:

Lutheran Worship

The Invocation (6/18)

Confession and Absolution (6/25)

The Apostles' Creed (7/2)

The Word (7/9)

The Sacraments (7/23)

Prayer and Praise (7/30)



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5th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *We thank You, gracious Father in heaven, for the priceless blessings You have given us in Your Word. Grant that we may receive it with meekness, apply it to our lives and daily needs, and, living according to it make it known unto others. Above all, strengthen and keep us in our saving faith unto eternal life through this blessed Means of Grace. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 906 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
This day the high and lowly, through ages join to bless,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy," the triune God confess.*

*2 This day at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;
And thus this day, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.*

*3 This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.*

*4 That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.*

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 Old Testament Reading: *Joshua 24:14-18*

"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 119:33-40*

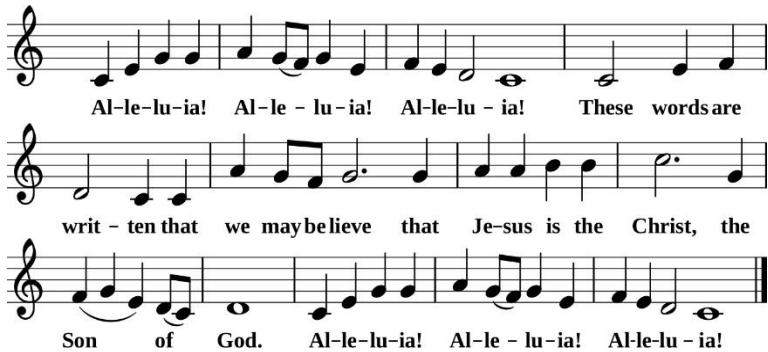
- P** Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.
- C** Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
- P** Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
- C** Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!
- P** Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.
- C** Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.
- P** Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.
- C** Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:26-33*

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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 Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

C But deliver us from evil.

P What does this mean?

C 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.

Hymn 862 *Oh, Blest the House*

*1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His-- How sad and poor and dark it is!*

*2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!*

*3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!*

*4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.*

*5 Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!*

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

"LUTHERAN WORSHIP"

Hebrews 13:7-9 – The Apostles' Creed

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace.

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 953 *We All Believe in One True God*

1 *We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.*

2 *We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.*

3 *We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!*

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 Šcashtag is "Šclcmztzion". 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

- 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; 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.

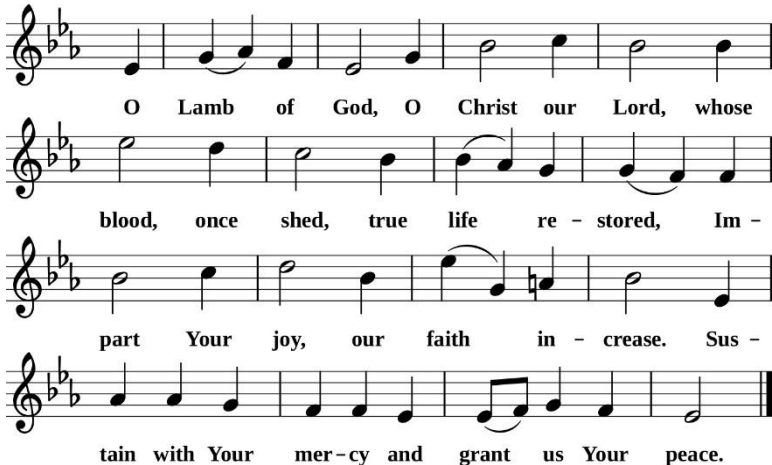
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

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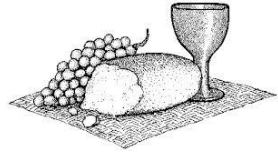
Communion Today is for Members Only Please

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 - tiles 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 506:1 *Glory Be to God the Father*

1 *Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!*

Worship at Mt. Zion

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

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.

VBS STAFF MEETING is today following the worship service. All teachers, helpers, and staff are asked to attend.

CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE is this afternoon at 4pm. May God grant safe travel to Pastor's family and Mt. Zion's Ohio/Pennsylvania members.

THE Q3 VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday following the worship service. Voters unable to attend are asked to please inform President Carl Ryan beforehand.

MEMBER PHOTOS: Over the next two Sundays (July 9 and 16) we will be taking photos of our congregation members. Our goal is to have a photo of each member and/or household before our upcoming anniversary celebration. Photos will be taken outside after church, weather permitting. For anyone not available on one of those two Sundays, we will offer another chance to take photos later this year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are creating a church directory of Mt. Zion members/friends in order to share contact information with one another. Please review the draft of the directory printed at the back of church to ensure your contact information is up to date!

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: 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.

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Jesse Wilke Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday = 26

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$51,500.00	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$62,271.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4088.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6227.18
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$77,296.99

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	VBS Staff Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Sun. 7/9	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Tue. 7/11	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Mon. 7/10 –	6pm-	Vacation Bible School
Thu. 7/13	8pm	
Sun. 7/16	11am	50 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Mon. 7/17 –		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, Ottawa County, MI
Thu. 7/20		
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. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma cancer.

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

What is the Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer? **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

What does this mean? **This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."**

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. <> Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley *has called* Levi Schaller to be Part-Time Kindergarten teacher in their school.

CLC MISSION HELPERS TO NEPAL: The 2023 CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal departed for Nepal on Monday, June 26th. They arrived in the early morning hours of Wednesday the 28th. They began their work among the villages and congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal. They will be proclaiming God's saving word to an estimated 1500 children. Some of these children will be members Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession (HCLCN) congregations, but most are not. For many of the children, this will be the first time they have heard a clear and Biblical presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as the one who died and rose from the dead for their sins! You can follow along at: 2023clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com.