

July 23, 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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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 602:1-2,5-6 *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*

1 *The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.*

2 *The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.*

5 *The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.*

6 *All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!*

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: *Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their

lambs at twilight. ⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 51:1-7*

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



The New Testament Reading: *Acts 2:38-42*

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness

and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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 Baptism?
- C** Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.
- P** What is that Word of God?
- C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Hymn 590 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

*1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.*

*2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.*

*3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.*

*4 All that I am and love most dearly-- Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.*

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“LUTHERAN WORSHIP”

Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 10:16 – The Sacraments

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

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 598 *Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters*

1 *Once in the blest baptismal waters I put on Christ and made him mine;
Now, numbered with God's sons and daughters, I share his peace and love divine.*

O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

2 *His body and his blood I've taken In his blest supper, feast divine;*

Now I shall never be forsaken For I am his and he is mine.

O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

3 *And thus I live in God contented And die without a thought of fear;
To God's good plans I have consented, For through His Son my faith is clear.*

O God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.

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 "\$clcmztion". 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 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 924:1 *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 *Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;*

Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

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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.

ANNIVERSARY CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY: If you are interested in singing in the church choir for the Anniversary service, practice will take place at the organ immediately after the service. All voices welcome!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY: All are invited to stick around for ice cream and fellowship following the worship service today. Thank you Michelle!

LOWER MICHIGAN BIBLE CAMP was held this past Monday-Thursday at in Stockbridge, MI. Pastor Tom and Matt Fobear served as chaperons and Brooklynn Jakel attended as a camper. God provided edification through His Word and great fun was had by all!

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS TUESDAY: Elders: 7:00-7:30; Council: 7:30-8:00; Trustees: 8:00-8:30; Outreach: 8:30-9:00pm. Check email for video meeting link.

WEDDING THIS SATURDAY: Katelyn Boyce and Ty Kleeves will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony this Saturday, July 29, in Port Huron. Pastor Tom will be officiating. May God bless the couple in their new life as one!

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING has been scheduled for next Sunday, July 30 at 11:00am. The only agenda item is to open and recess the meeting for the purpose of selecting a new property for our future church/school.

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!

50th ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE is two weeks away! The special worship service observing the 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion is Sunday, August 6, at 4:00pm (No morning service). The special 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE SCHOOL is a new program being organized by the outreach committee. On the second Friday of each month (beginning 8/11), we will be hosting a VBS-style evening Bible School for a limited number of children ages PreK-5th. See the flyer on the hymnal rack for more information. Please keep this new outreach effort in your prayers and speak with Outreach Chairman Jesse Wilke if you are interested in volunteering.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 7/9/23

Attendance Last Sunday = 27

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$53,480.77	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$64,309.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3464.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6430.98
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$77,361.99

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Jesse Wilke Church Cleaning: Fobears

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue. 7/25	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach
Sun. 7/30	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	Anniversary Committee Meeting
Sun. 8/6	10am	NO Morning Service
	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner
Fri. 8/11	5:30-8pm	Friday Night Bible School
Sun. 9/10	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School Resume
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

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.

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 Sam Rodebaugh of Faith, Manchester, MO *is considering the call from* Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's, Okabena, MN *is considering the call from* Calvary, Marquette, MI.