

July 9, 2023



Summer Sermon Series:

Lutheran Worship

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, shed Your grace and mercy upon us abundantly, that Your Word may be to us the Living Fountain of Life, which having brought us to You, comforts us in every affliction and preserves us unto the blessed coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 908 *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

1 *Lord, open Thou my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.*

2 *Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.*

3 *To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One.
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.*

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.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

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-en-ly 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

The musical notation consists of ten staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) at the end of the fourth staff. The notation ends with a double bar line.

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: *Jeremiah 23:16-17,25-29*

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?



The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 25* Selected Verses

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

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 Doxology of the Lord's Prayer?
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** "Amen" means that I should be certain that these petitions are really heard by the Father in heaven; for He Himself has instructed us to pray in this way and promised that He will hear us. "Amen! amen!" that is, "Yes, indeed, it shall be so!"

Hymn 584 *Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*

*1 Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.*

*Let not hearts, your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.*

*2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.*

*So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold your glory Give us ears to hear your Word.*

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“LUTHERAN WORSHIP”

Luke 10:1-3,16-19 – The Word

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves...

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

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 583 *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

**1. God has spoken by the prophets, Spoken his unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, his throne eternal, God the first and God the last.**

**2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, before time was;
Light from Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.**

**3. God is speaking by his Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.**

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 Sçashtag is "Scmctzion". 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 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.

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

☩ Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them up to the Lord.

☩ 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 power and might,



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san-nain the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

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.

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

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."



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what
 He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;
 sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
 Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple
 forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;
 sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, alle-
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

Closing Hymn 582 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

***God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure.
 Throughout all generations!***

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.

THE Q3 VOTERS MEETING is today following the worship service.

MEMBER PHOTOS: Over the next two Sundays (today and July 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 THIS WEEK: July 10-13, Mon-Thu, 6:00-8:00pm (evening sessions) for children 4yrs-8th Grade. Flyers with more info are available by the guest book. Go to mtzionlutheran.info to register. Thanks to everyone who is helping and please pray for a safe and blessed week!

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday = 16

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

Today	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Mon. 7/10 –	6pm-	Vacation Bible School
Thu. 7/13	8pm	
Sun. 7/16	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	50 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Mon. 7/17 –		Lower Michigan Youth Camp
Thu. 7/20		Pigeon Creek State Park, Ottawa County, MI
Sun. 8/6	10am	NO Morning Service
	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner
Sun. 8/20	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.

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

What is Baptism? **Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God’s command and connected with God’s Word.**

What is that Word of God? **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” (Matthew 28:19).**

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, Bismarck, ND **has returned the call** from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Missionary Peter Evensen **has received the call** from Calvary, Marquette, MI. <> Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI **has called** Mrs. Loretta Leinberger to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. Loretta is a member of Gethsemane. <> Levi Schaller **has accepted the call** from Grace, Fridley to be Part-Time Kindergarten teacher in their school.

MANUP! WEEKEND: The 2023 ManUp! Men’s Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!