

August 13, 2023



WE ARE MORE THAN  
**CONQUERORS**  
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.

Romans 8:37 ESV



**MT. ZION**

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

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

**1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.**

**2 I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

**3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.**

**4 I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

**5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.**

### 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

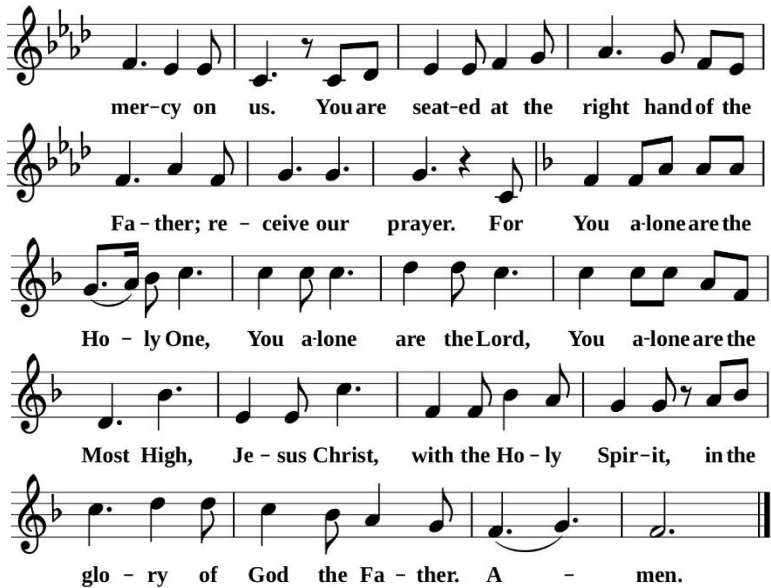
*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

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: *Isaiah 55:1-5*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.



## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 42 Selected Verses*

- P** As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
- C** **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?**
- P** My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"
- C** **These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.**
- P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
- C** **Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.**
- P** By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- C** **Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

## The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**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 Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### From Luther's Small Catechism – Baptism Part III

*A refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.*

**P** How can water do such great things?

**C** The water doesn't actually do anything by itself. The power is in God's Word, which is in and with the water, and in faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. Without the Word of God it is just plain water, and there is no baptism. But with the Word of

God it really is a baptism; that is, a gracious water of life and washing of rebirth through the Holy Spirit. Just as Saint Paul says in the third chapter of Titus: "According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

### Hymn 849 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

- 1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.*
- 2. Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the one who drove out demons With a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.*
- 3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.*

### The Sermon: *Romans 8:33-39*

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?<sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Theme: IN CHRIST WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS**

- I. Christ has more than conquered our sin.
- II. Christ has more than conquered our suffering and sorrow.

## 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 *In Christ Alone* (See back of bulletin)

### 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 "ScIcmztzion". 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.

**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 power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest.  
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in 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, al-le-  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# The Benediction

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

## Closing Hymn 760:1,6 *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

**1** *What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.  
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.  
My God indeed In ev'ry need  
Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.*

**6** *What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.*

# In Christ Alone

1 In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
 2 In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!  
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Lightf the world by dark - nesslain  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the pow'r of Christ in me

This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv'ings cease!  
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand

My com - for - ter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 For I am His and He is mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 'Til He re - turns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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.

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE LAST SUNDAY:** Thank you to the Anniversary Committee for planning and preparing last Sunday’s celebration. We had 81 people in attendance, many of whom traveled hundreds of miles to celebrate 50 years of God’s grace at Mt. Zion! May God bless us with 50 more!

**FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our new outreach program held its inaugural gathering this past Friday. Six children attended. Praise God! Here’s how it works: On the second Friday of each month, we host a VBS-style evening Bible School for a limited number of children ages PreK-5<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Attendance Last Sunday = 81

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$63,384.62	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$74,799.82	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$4270.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$7479.98
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$78,701.99

### **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Nathan Fobear    Church Cleaning: Muellers

### **MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Sun. 8/20</b>	10am	Divine Worship Service
<b>Fri. 9/8</b>	5:30-8pm	Friday Night Bible School
<b>Sun. 9/10</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School Resume
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Tue. 9/12</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach
<b>Thu. 9/21 –</b>		ManUP CLC Men’s Retreat
<b>Sun. 9/24</b>		Wyalusing State Park, Prairie du Chien, WI

### **IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Rachel Maldonado** died in a car accident on Friday night. Pray for comfort for her grandparents **David and Sandy Baker**. **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: Baptism Part IV**

What is the meaning of this Baptism with water? **It means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.**

Where is this written? **Saint Paul says in the sixth chapter of Romans, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."**

### **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:** Missionary Peter Evensen **has returned the call** from Resurrection, Corpus Christi, TX. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith, Manchester, MO **has returned the call** from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's, Okabena, MN **has returned the call** from Calvary, Marquette, MI.

**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](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

**PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. **Go to:** <https://gethsemaneccl.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.