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Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.

Matthew 14:27



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12th 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 903 *This I the Day the Lord Has Made*

*1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.*

*2 Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.*

*3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.*

*4 Blessed is He who comes to us With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us To save our fallen race.*

*5 Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.*

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: *1 Kings 19:9-18*

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 73 Selected Verses*

P Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

C But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

P For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

C Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.



P Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

C Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

P You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

C Whom have I in heaven but you?

P And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

C My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

The Epistle Reading: *James 1:2-8,12*

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways... ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Musical notation for a hymn with lyrics. The lyrics are: 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!

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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 – Baptism Part IV

A refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

- P** What is the meaning of this baptism with water?
- C** 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.
- P** Where is this written?
- C** 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."

Hymn 615 *When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought.*
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry For rescue from our misery.*
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.*
- 4 And so we come, O God, today And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.*
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev'ry ill.*
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise You, Lord.*

The Sermon: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Theme: HAVE FAITH IN THE "I" OF THE STORM

- I. When storms are in the forecast.
- II. When storms are being prepared for.
- III. When storms are over.

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 722 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

**1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

**2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

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

☩ 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)

Closing Hymn 658:5 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

**5 Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal life.**

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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.

NEW POTENTIAL CHURCH PROPERTY – OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW: The Board of Trustees has identified a new potential church property located at 24450 Evergreen, Southfield (big thank you to Dave Troyan for bringing this building to the Trustees attention!). Nicholas and Carl visited the property with our real estate agent this past Monday, and they think it might be a good fit for our church/school needs. Nicholas has set up a viewing of the property for today (8/20) at 12pm. All members are invited and encouraged to come along.

IN OUR PRAYERS: We continue to mourn the tragic loss of our Cleveland member Rachel Maldonado, the 20-year-old granddaughter of David and Sandy Baker. Rachel was killed in a car accident along with her boyfriend last Friday. Rachel's funeral was Thursday in Somerset, PA. Correspondence may be sent to David and Sandy Baker, 164 John Ave., Somerset, PA 15501. If you would like to help fund the funeral, you made do so at [gofundme.com/Rachel-maldonado-funeral-expenses](https://www.gofundme.com/Rachel-maldonado-funeral-expenses).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *offering numbers are from 8/13/23

Attendance Last Sunday = 27

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

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.

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Nathan Fobear Church Cleaning: Muellers

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	12pm	Meet at 24450 Evergreen, Southfield to view potential new church property
Sun. 8/20	10am	Divine Worship Service
Fri. 9/8	5:30-8pm	Friday Night Bible School
Sun. 9/10	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School Resume
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 9/12	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach
Thu. 9/21 –		ManUP CLC Men’s Retreat
Sun. 9/24		Wyalusing State Park, Prairie du Chien, WI

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK: Confession

What is confession? **There are two parts to confession. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from a fellow Christian as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven in this way before our heavenly Father.** What sins should we confess? **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we don’t know we have done, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer. However, before one another we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.** Which are these? **Examine your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Have you been faithful as a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you injured anyone by what you have said or done? Have you stolen anything, neglected your duty, been careless, or damaged anything?** What will a fellow Christian say to someone who has confessed his or her sins? **He will say, “According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”**

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 Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD **has received the call** from Calvary Lutheran in 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. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!