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... and his disciples
believed in him.

John 2:11



MT. ZION

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2nd Sunday in Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *We thank You, gracious Father in heaven, for the priceless blessings You have given us in and through Your Word. Bless our hearing of that holy Word. Grant that we may receive it with meekness, apply it to our lives and daily needs and make it known to 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 408 *Come, Join in Cana's Feast*

1 *Come, join in Cana's feast Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.*

2 *The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.*

3 *But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.*

4 *Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host-- For us, the crucified.*

5 *For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, The glorious Trinity.*

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The image shows six staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the following lines. The notes are more complex, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The key signature changes from one flat to two flats, and the time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4.

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.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 9:11-15

"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the LORD who does this.¹³ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.¹⁵ I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 128*

P Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

C You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

P Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

C Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

P The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

C May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!



Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:6-16*

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

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.

Hymn 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*[Refrain:] In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

[Refrain]

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

[Refrain]

The Sermon: *John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said

to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Theme: NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR JESUS

- I. His empathy is too great.
- II. His mission is too important.

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
 Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
 not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 770 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

- 1 *What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
 All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!***
- 2 *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.***
- 3 *Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.***

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 "Scłcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(397:3): **As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav'nly King!**

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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of these things which are not seen; 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."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-". The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 - 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.

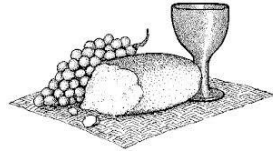
Distribution of the Sacrament

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)

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 395:5 *O Morning Star*

***5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!***

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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 Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is today following the service. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available on the hymnal rack.

2024 CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Those who are willing and able to serve the Lord in this way are asked to please inform Michelle Ryan or Susan Fobear. A monthly schedule will be created and posted on the bulletin board by the end of January. Thank you for your much needed service.

CHURCH AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY is this Friday, January 19 at Andrea's house (198 Deray Ct, Auburn Hills). Pizza will be served at 5:30pm and games/activities will follow at 6:15pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a wrapped white elephant gift (under \$10, and can be something you already have). Everyone is welcome! RSVP to Andrea at 248-480-1283.

LIFT MEETING (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is next Sunday, January 21 at 11am. All women of the congregation and invited and encouraged to attend.

NICHOLAS JAKEL HELP FUND: The Church Council met Dec 12 and established a "Help Fund" for Nicholas Jakel. Being a self-employed landscaper, Nicholas is facing serious financial difficulty due to the car accident he was involved in Dec 8. The Church Council is asking the congregation to please consider donating to this fund in order to help Nicholas with his accident-related expenses. He is facing 1-2 weeks of lost wages, an Emergency Room fee, and the total loss of his GMC Sierra Pickup (which also doubled as his work truck). If the Lord moves you to contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to "Mt. Zion Lutheran Church" with the memo "Nicholas Jakel Help Fund". CashApp donations can be sent to \$clcmzion with the subject line "Nicholas Jakel Help Fund." *Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	Q1 Voters Meeting
Fri. 1/19	3pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Resumes
	5:30-8pm	Church After-Christmas Party (Andrea's house)
Sun. 1/21	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service

	11am	LIFT Meeting
Sun. 1/28	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship service
Sat. 2/3	10am	Board of Education Meeting at Church
Tue. 2/13	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Wed. 2/14	7pm	Ash Wednesday Midweek Service

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Carl Ryan Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 1/7/24

Last Sunday Attendance = 33 Bible Class/Sunday School = 19

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$107,000.00	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$4115.38
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$118,932.89	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$11,048.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):	\$11,893.29		
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:	\$86,886.99		
Nicholas Jakel Help Fund:	\$2740.00		

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 Kuwait. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, is battling cancer. The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby girl in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma cancer. **Kate Sauers**, wife of CLC pastor Rob Sauers, is being treated for lymphoma 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 Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul, Lakewood, CO **is still considering** the calls from Calvary, Marquette, MI and St. Peter's, Iron River, MI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD **has returned** the call from Immanuel, Mankato, MN. <> Mr. Dan Roehl **has received the call** to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz. <> Ann Sprengeler, teacher at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI, **will be retiring** from the teaching ministry as of the end of the current school year.