

February 18, 2024



*“Worship
the Lord
your God,
and serve
him only.”*

Matthew 4:10



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1st Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Almighty and everlasting God, during this Lenten Season You graciously offer to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your dear Son. Send Your Holy Spirit that we may by faith lay hold of Your offer of grace and mercy. Moved by Your Gospel, we give continual thanks and praise to You, and count on Your strength to live our lives obedient to Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

1 *Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.*

2 *Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.*

3 *Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.*

4 *They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.*

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 of music in a single system. 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 with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

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

The musical notation consists of ten staves of music in a single system. 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 with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The third staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The fifth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The sixth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The seventh staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The eighth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The ninth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end. The tenth staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You alone are the
 Ho-ly One, You alone are the Lord, You alone 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: *Genesis 3:1-15*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked?"

Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 32 Selected Verses*

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C** But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.



Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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 561 *The Tree of Life*

- 1. The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and women eat.
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.*
- 2. The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.*
- 3. What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need--
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!*
- 4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of its fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.*

The Sermon: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Theme: A PEEK INSIDE THE MASTER'S PLAYBOOK

- I. Beware of the devil's deceptive schemes.
- II. Call upon God's Word and check the scoreboard.

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 424 *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

**1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.**

**2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, the food Your grace imparts.**

**3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**

**4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.**

**5. O Christ, Your walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.**

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 Scashtag is "ScLcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(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 668:1 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You
1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.**

**Wield God's word, the weapon glorious; Against all foes be thus victorious,
For God protects you from them all.**

**Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel. Hail the Savior!
The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield, And we, the victors, hold the field.**

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

PASTOR'S NEW PHONE NUMBER: 313-419-8543. Please update your contact information for Pastor Tom Naumann. Thanks!

MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS THIS TUESDAY: The monthly church meetings have been rescheduled to this Tuesday, February 20 from 7-9pm.

2nd MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE: We continue our midweek Lent series, *Three Words of Truth*, this Wednesday at 7pm. Pastor Sonnenfeld of Redeemer, Sister Lakes, will be our guest preacher. We hope you can join us!

Date	Preacher	Sermon Text & Theme
Feb. 14	Pastor Tom Naumann	John 13:31-35 <i>Love One Another</i>
Feb. 21	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	Matt. 26:35-41 <i>Watch and Pray</i>
Feb. 28	Pastor Mike Wilke	Matt. 26:20-25 <i>Is it I?</i>
Mar. 6	Pastor Tom Naumann	John 19:14-18 <i>Take Him Away!</i>
Mar. 13	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	John 18:33-40 <i>What is Truth?</i>
Mar. 20	Pastor Mike Wilke	John 18:3-9 <i>I Am He</i>

“STOCK THE FREEZER” FOR THE NAUMANN BABY: In preparation for their baby due April 9, please consider providing a frozen meal for the Naumann family to take home. Signup on the bulletin board in the entryway. Any questions? See Nichole Anderson. Thanks for considering!

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue. 2/20	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Wed. 2/21	7pm	2 nd Midweek Lent Service
Fri. 2/23	3pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sun. 2/25	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
Thu. 3/28	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. 3/29	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 3/31	10am	Easter Brunch (Men cook)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Ben Mueller Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Ash Wednesday Attendance = 23

Last Sunday Attendance = 32 Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$14,309.62	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$2384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$9470.00	Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$1901.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$947.00
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$114,976.99

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: Immanuel Church and School, Mankato, MN **has called** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Church and School, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Zion in Hidewood and Trinity in Watertown SD **has returned** the calls from Calvary of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity School, West Columbia, SC, **is still considering the call** to Faith School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane School, Spokane, WA, **has returned to call** to Messiah School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel in Mankato, MN, **is still considering the call** to Messiah in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea in Inver Grove Heights, MN **is still considering the call** to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring.

WEEKLY SERMON PODCAST: For 65 years, the CLC's "Ministry by Mail" has been producing print sermons for distribution. Originally this was done by postal mail, especially for members living at a distance from their home church or serving in the military. With the arrival of the internet, sermons began being sent by email and posted online (www.lutheransermons.org). Ministry by Mail now offers audio versions of their sermons through weekly Podcast services. You can find these sermons on most major podcast platforms such as Google, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify by searching "CLC Ministry by Mail." Hit "subscribe" or "follow" to receive notifications of weekly uploads.