

February 25, 2024



"Lord, help me."



Matthew 15:25, NRSV

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2nd Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Merciful God and Father, we give You heartfelt thanks that through Your Word You have graciously preserved this congregation these past years, and we humbly ask You to continue to guard and direct us by Your Holy Spirit in the way of truth, that we may at last obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 702 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1 *My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!*

2 *May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!*

3 *While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.*

4 *When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!*

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.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 32:22-32*

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 121*

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

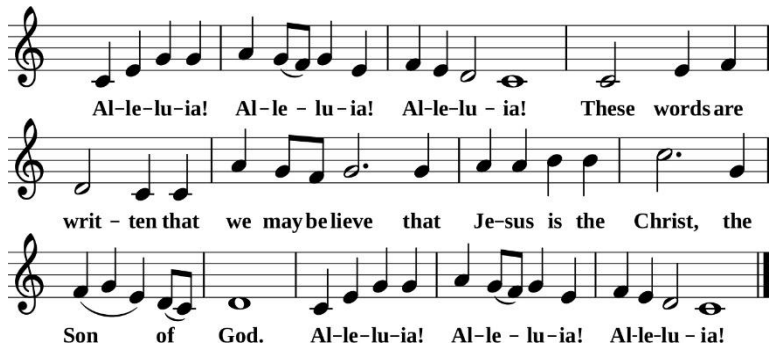
Psalms,
Hymns,
&
Spiritual
Songs



Epistle Reading: *Romans 5:1-5*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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 576 *My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less*

***1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.***

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.***

***2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]***

***3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]***

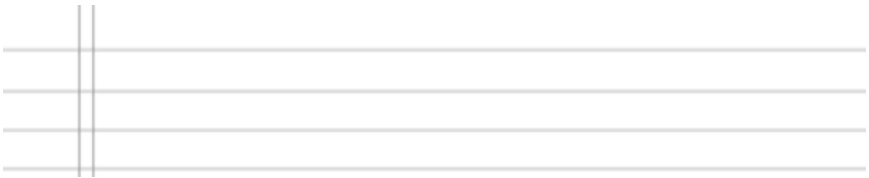
***4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! [Refrain]***

The Sermon: *Matthew 15:21-28*

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

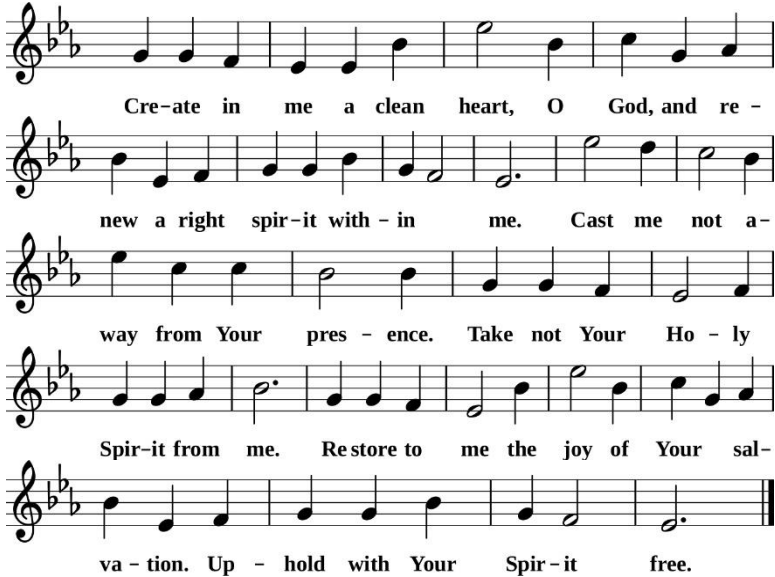
Theme: DOGGED FAITH

- I. Seeks Jesus (21-22)
- II. Wrestles Jesus (23-27)
- III. Trusts Jesus (28)



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, 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 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fulness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

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 Sčashtag 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

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 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 924:1 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.*



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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!

3rd MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE: We continue our midweek Lent series, *Three Words of Truth*, this Wednesday at 7pm. Pastor Wilke of Gethsemane, Saginaw, 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>

PROPERTY SEARCH COMMITTEE meets this Thursday at 8pm on Google Meet.

CHURCH POTLUCK AND BOWLING: After service on Sunday, March 10, we'll be having a church potluck in the basement fellowship hall. Afterwards, everyone is invited to Universal Lanes (12 mile & Dequindre) for an afternoon of group bowling. Signup sheets for both events are on the hymnal rack. All welcome!

"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.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Wed. 2/28	7pm	3 rd Midweek Lent Service
Thu. 2/29	8pm	Property Selection Meeting (Google Meet)
Fri. 3/1	3pm	NO UM Ann Arbor Bible Study (Spring Break)
Sun. 3/3	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
Fri. 3/8	5:30-8pm	Friday Night Bible School
Sun. 3/10	11am	Church Potluck
	1pm	Church Bowling (Universal Lanes)
Tue. 3/12	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Sat. 3/16	2-4pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
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

Last Sunday Attendance = 29 Bible Class/Sunday School = 15

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$16,964.24	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$2384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$12,383.00	Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$2913.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1238.00
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$115,516.99

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: Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Church and School, Phoenix, AZ *is still considering the call* from Immanuel Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel School, Winter Haven, FL, *has received* the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace School, Fridley, MN, *has received* the call from Messiah School, Hales Corners, WI. — Teacher Levi *has also received* the call from Faith School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity School, West Columbia, SC, *has returned the call* from Faith School, Markesan, 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 currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia *has received the call* to teach at Gethsemane, Saginaw MI.

PHILIPPINE CHURCH BODY IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CLC: After almost three years of correspondence, and several visits by our CLC missionary which included a representative of the CLC Board of Missions and a representative of the CLC Board of Doctrine, Pastor Jordan Palangyos of the "Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines" (LAMP) has successfully completed a colloquy and demonstrated unity with our confession. Based on this, CLC President Michael Wilke made the following announcement: "as President of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, it is my blessed privilege to declare that the Church of the Lutheran Confession is in fellowship with Pastor Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines (LAMP). "LAMP" consists of 2 congregations and 1 preaching station with about 60 souls, served by Pastor Palangyos along with four lay men who assist.

MANUP! CLC MEN'S RETREAT: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75 (lodging and meals included). Fee increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. Register here: www.manup.clclutheran.org