

April 7, 2024



"Stop doubting  
*and*  
**BELIEVE."**

JOHN 20:27, NIV



**MT. ZION**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *We pray to You, merciful God in heaven, give us faith, the true and living faith, which trusts in You and in Your Son Jesus, the Risen Christ, that we might have life through Him; then shall our souls be fortified with peace and courage in life and in death. Hear us for the sake of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Today's Order of Service

#### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

**[Refrain]: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise. [Refrain]**

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. [Refrain]**

**4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. [Refrain]**

**5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! [Refrain]**

#### 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: *Job 19:23-27*

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 33*

- P** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- C** For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- P** He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- C** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- C** For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- P** Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- C** For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.



## Epistle Reading: *1 John 5:4-10*

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is

greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

**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.

**Hymn 470:1,4-8 O Sons and Daughters of the King**

**1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**4 That night the Apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear  
And said: "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

**8 How blest are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

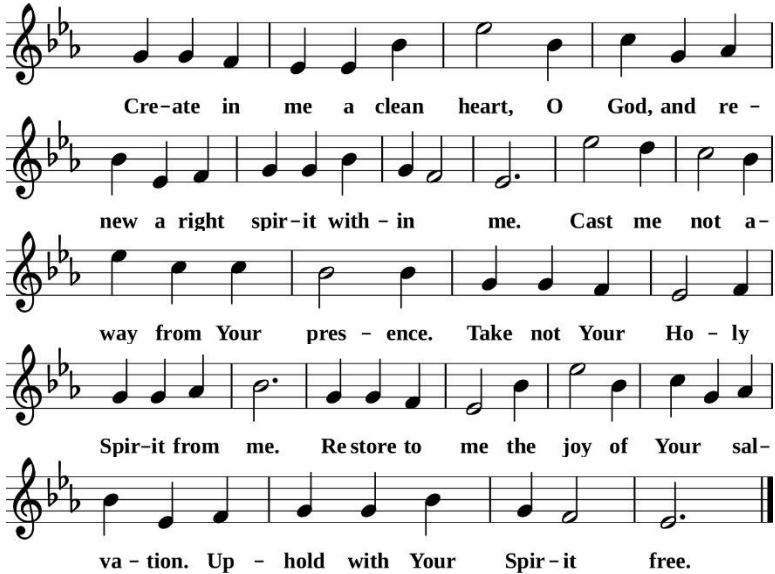
**The Sermon: John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Theme: "THESE ARE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE"**

## 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 589 *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*

**1** *Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.*

**Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!**

**2** *Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;  
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!*

**Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.**

**3** *Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.  
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!*

**4** *As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.  
May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.*

## 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 "Scmctzion". 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 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us 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 Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -

san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.*

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

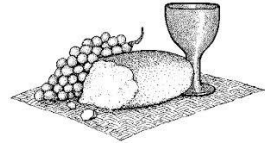
# Distribution of the Sacrament

## 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."



## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)*

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tles Un - to Your ho - ly  
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

*We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.*

My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-  
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in  
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your  
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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 488 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

***He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;***

***The gates of heav'n are open.***

***My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,***

***Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.***

***Oh, hear what cheer!***

***Christ victorious Rising glorious, Life is giving.***

***He was dead but now is living!***

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SERMON PODCAST on  **Spotify** @TheWordFromMtZion

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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 Q2 VOTERS MEETING** is today following the service.

**A LIFT MEETING (Ladies In Fellowship Together)** is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, following the service. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

**UPDATE FROM THE PROPERTY SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Commissioned at the 2024 Q1 voters meeting, the Property Search Committee meets every two weeks via online video call. We are actively searching for a new building/property for our congregation and future school (and also meeting with potential realtors to sell our current building). Anyone interested in helping with the search is invited to consider joining the committee. Anyone who finds a potentially suitable building (for sale or lease), is invited to please submit the following form and the committee will investigate: [shorter.me/gxWXm](https://shorter.me/gxWXm)

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

<b>Today</b>	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
<b>Tue. 4/9</b>	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
<b>Fri. 4/12</b>	3pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study (Shapiro Library)
<b>Sun. 4/14</b>	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
<b>Thu. 4/18</b>	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
<b>Sun. 4/21</b>	11am	LIFT Meeting (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

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

Usher: Jesse Wilke    Church Cleaning: Fobears

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Last Sunday Attendance = 36

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$31,001.96	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$34,979.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$7,331.75
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$3,498.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$115,657.00	

## 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, was taken to heaven this past Wednesday after a long battle with cancer. <> The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby girl in April. <> We continue to search for a **new building** for church and future school.

## 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 Nathanael Mayhew of Grace in Sleepy Eye, MN. **has accepted the call** from Immanuel Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> St. Peter's of Iron River, MI and Calvary of Marquette, MI together have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations (joint call). The Call Committee for Graduates meets the evening of Wednesday, April 10. This year there is only one graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary: Mr. Paul Agenten. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC **has accepted the call** to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI. <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner **has returned the call** from Messiah in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** to Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God, Onalaska, WI, **is still considering the call** to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler **is still considering the limited call** from Grace in Valentine, Ne to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Ms. Katie Naumann of Immanuel School in Winter Haven, FL **has received the call** to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.

**DAVID LAU FUNERAL:** The funeral service for David Lau will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church (Eau Claire, WI) on Saturday, April 13th. David served for 60+ years in the CLC as both a pastor and a college/seminary professor. He authored many articles, curriculums, and *Out of Necessity: A History of the CLC*. David is the grandfather of Mt. Zion member Martha Schaller. There will be a visitation at the church beginning at 10 AM with the funeral service to follow at 11 AM. There will be a luncheon after the service followed by the committal service at 1:30 PM. Letters of comfort for wife Susan Lau or the family may be sent care of Joe Lau, 511 Ingram Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Memorials in David's name can be given to Morning Star Lutheran Church, PO Box 22, Fairchild, WI, 54741.

**ILC FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."