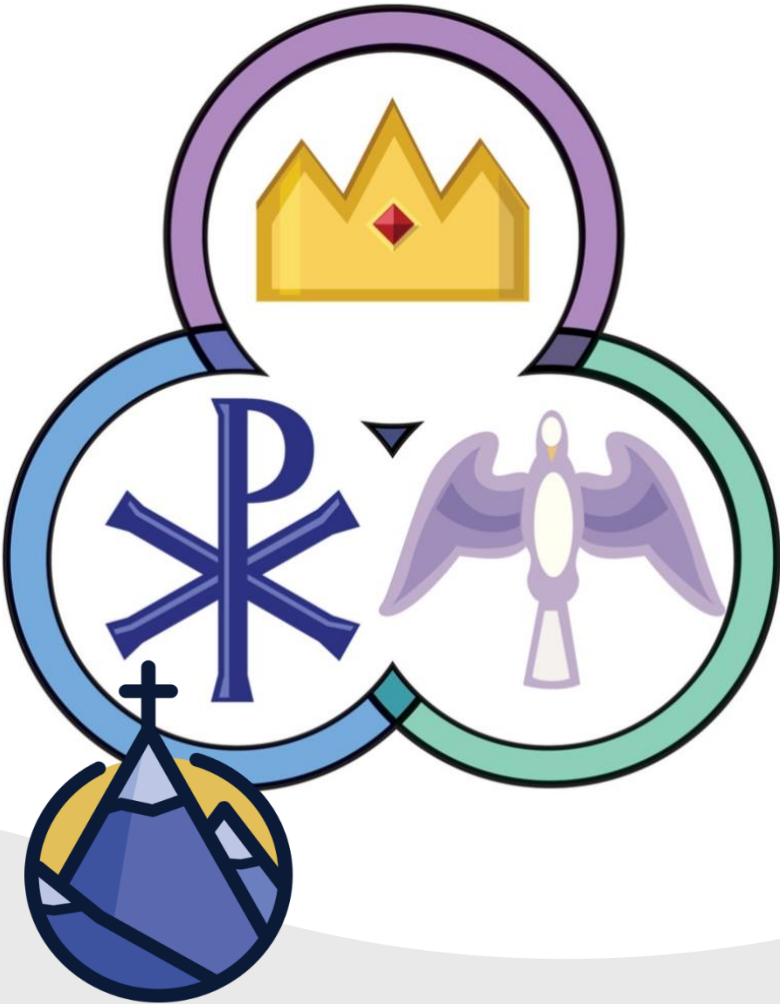


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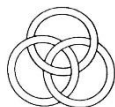


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Trinity Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Almighty and everlasting God, Who has taught us to know and to confess the true faith, that in three persons of equal power and glory You are the one true and everlasting God, and to be worshipped as such, we pray that you would keep us at all times steadfast in this faith against any and all evils that may attack us. In Your Triune name, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 905 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy Name to sing: Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.*

*3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.*

*4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.*

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-shipped 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: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 51 Selected Verses*

P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

P The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

C The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

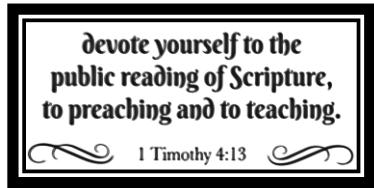
C The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

P The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

C May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Epistle Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



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 Athanasian Creed (see insert)

We boldly confess what we believe.

Hymn 507 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

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The Sermon: John 3:1-15

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Theme: THE TRIUNE SALVATION COLLABORATION

- I. God the Father planned it (Creation)
- II. God the Son accomplished it (Redemption)
- III. God the Holy Spirit reveals it (Conversion)

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 506 *Glory Be to God the Father*

1 *Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!*

2 *Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain:
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!*

3 *Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!*

4 *Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings:
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!*

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 "\$clmztzion". 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

G 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.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 805 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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!

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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.

A CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE is today at 4pm at the Hughes home in North Olmsted. Speak with Pastor for more details.

MT. ZION CHURCH PROPERTY FOR SALE: You can see our listing at churchrealestatesales.com/view-listing.asp?id=5290. Our real estate agents will also be helping us in our search for a new property. Please keep these things in your prayers and feel free to bring your questions and comments to Pastor Tom, President Randy, or Trustee Chairman Nicholas Jakel.

2024 GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONFERENCE is June 3-4 at Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI. Pastor Tom, Carl Ryan, and Jeremiah Rosen will be representing our congregation as delegates. In addition to partaking of the blessings of Christian fellowship and worship, we'll also be studying the *CLC Convention Prospectus* and the following essays: *Malicious Desertion* by Pastor Michael Eichstadt; *Helping College Students at Public Colleges* by Pastor Mark Tiefel and Mr. Dan Schaeffer.

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 21st Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 15-18 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 10. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is August 5-8, Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00pm. We need volunteers to teach, organize and lead crafts, oversee snacks, and run recess. Please speak to Pastor if you can help (even if only for a day).

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Wed. 5/29	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
Sun. 6/2	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
M-Tu. 6/3-4		Great Lakes Delegate Conference (Markesan, WI)
Tue. 6/11	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Th-Su. 6/20-23		CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
Mo-Thu 7/15-18		Lower Michigan Youth Camp (West Olive)

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Randy Wittorp Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 32 Bible Class/Sunday School = 16

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$47,704.30	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$45,598.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$4,623.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$4,770.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$122,554.00	

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. We continue to search for a **new building** for our 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 David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **has returned the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Mr. Darin Lau, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, **has been called** by that congregation to teach the 5th & 6th grades in its school.

2024 CLC CONVENTION PROSPECTUS: The CLC Convention is June 20-23 in Eau Claire, WI. The *Prospectus* provides an excellent platform from which to share and expand individual members' knowledge of the work we are blessed to do together as a larger fellowship. These discussions are also helpful for gaining input at the congregational level for more profitable discussion at Convention. Find it online here: <https://bit.ly/3WDimuH>

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