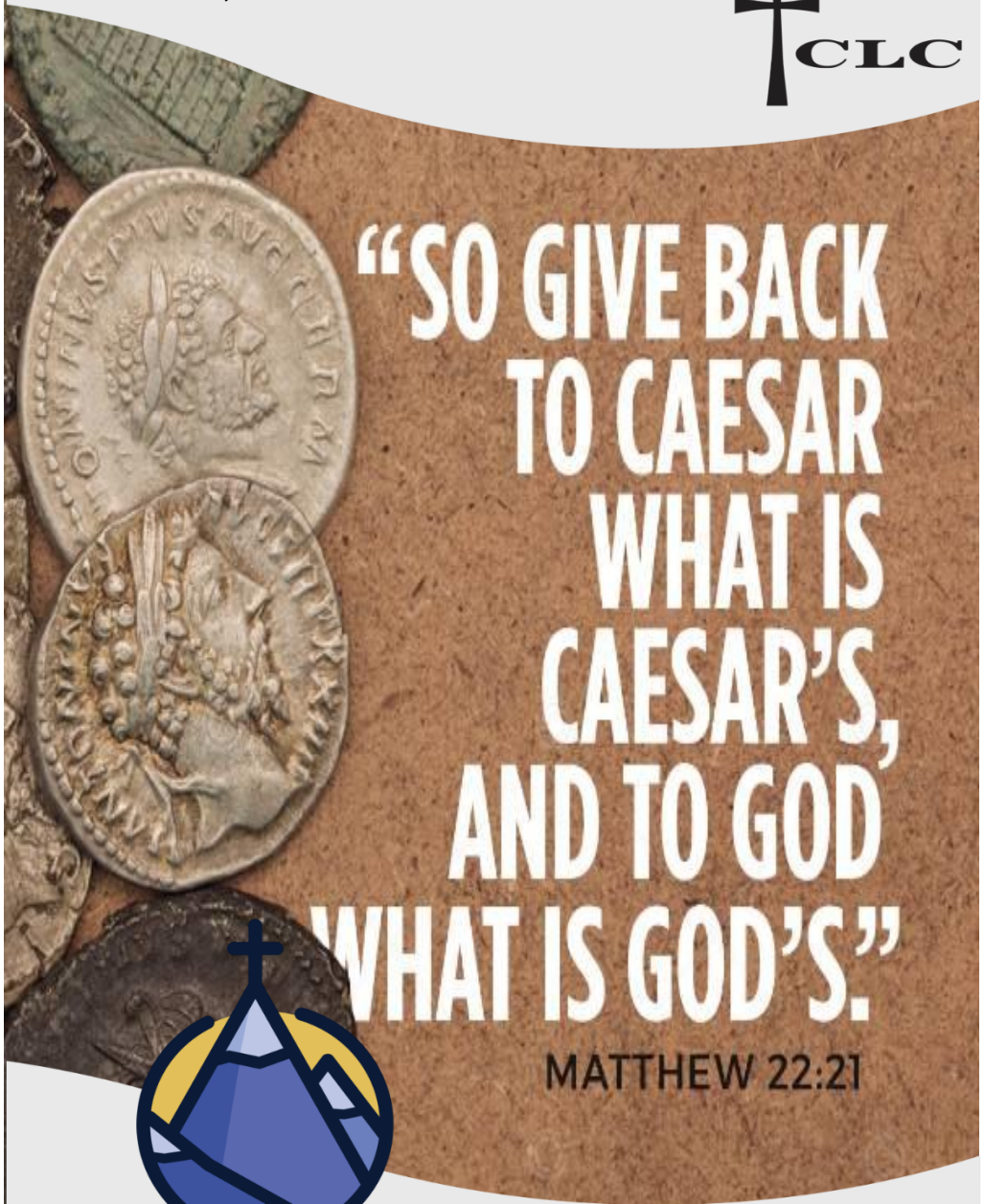


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The background of the central portion of the poster is a textured, brownish surface, possibly parchment or wood. Several ancient coins are scattered across this surface. One prominent silver coin in the upper left shows a profile of a man's head with the inscription "S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI". Below it, another silver coin features a seated figure, likely a deity or ruler, with the inscription "S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI". A dark, possibly bronze, coin is partially visible at the bottom left.

**“SO GIVE BACK  
TO CAESAR  
WHAT IS  
CAESAR’S,  
AND TO GOD  
WHAT IS GOD’S.”**

**MATTHEW 22:21**

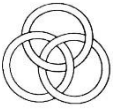


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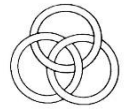
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# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



**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 785 *We Praise You, O God*

**1** *We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

**2** *We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

**3** *With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

### 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 treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. 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 seven staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is in G major (one sharp). The second and third staves are in D minor (two flats). The fourth and fifth staves are in D minor with a key signature change to B-flat major (two flats) for the final phrase. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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: *Micah 6:6-8*

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 111*

**P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**C** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**P** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**C** He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**P** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**C** They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**C** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!



### Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21*

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**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 646 *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

*1 Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race,  
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;  
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all his mighty deeds,  
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.*

*2 God has called you out of darkness Into his most marv'lous light,  
Brought his truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.*

*3 Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love,  
But he brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let his love flow out to others, Let them feel the Father's care,  
That they too may know his welcome And his countless blessings share.*

*4 Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people he intends,  
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your master sends.  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service Sing his praise, his love declare.*

### The Sermon: *Matthew 22:15-22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

"Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

## **Theme: POLITICS AND RELIGION**

Summary: *Two topics which often evoke strong, negative reactions. Jesus' enemies brought up politics and religion hoping for a negative reaction from Him. Instead, what they got was a masterclass in citizenship. God's people are dual citizens—of both an earthly country and a heavenly one. Both citizenships are gracious blessings from God. Both come with important responsibilities.*

### Sermon Worksheet:

*Why are politics and religion often such controversial topics?*

*Who were the Pharisees? Who were the Herodians? Why did they want to "entangle Jesus in his words"?*

*How did Jesus evade the "either-or" trap of the Pharisees/Herodians?*

*What does Romans 13:1 teach about "governing authorities"?*

*Name some blessings of American citizenship:*

*Complete the sentence: "Being a good citizen is more than just a civic duty, it's a part of our \_\_\_\_\_."*

*How can we "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's"?*

*How is our Heavenly election very different from a US election?*

*In what way is our Heavenly citizenship an act of pure grace?*

*Name some blessings of Heavenly citizenship:*

*How can we "render to God the things that are God's"?*

## 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 966 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

**1** *Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!*

**2** *The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day, For this fair land--  
Gifts of Your hand-- Our thanks we pay.*

**3** *May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise A grateful song.*

**4** *Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,  
And bow before The Crucified.*

**5** *And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!*

## 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 "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.

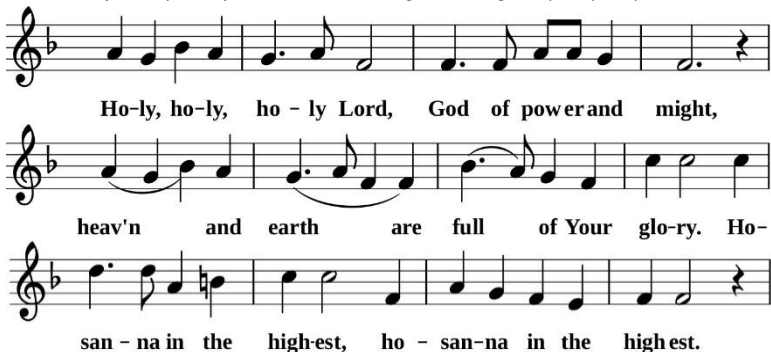
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-  
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.

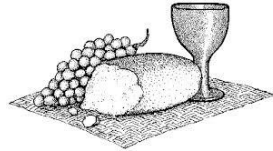
# Distribution of the Sacrament

## 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.

Musical notation for the Thanksgiving hymn, consisting of five staves of music with lyrics underneath.

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.
- 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.*

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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.

**THE ANNUAL VOTERS ELECTION MEETING** is today following the service. Church officers for 2025 will be elected.

**FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE SCHOOL – FALL FESTIVAL EDITION:** This Friday from 5:30-8pm, any children ages PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to Mt. Zion for a special edition of Friday Night Bible School: Pizza, snacks, pumpkin painting, fall-themed games, music, and Bible lesson! Please RSVP to Pastor Tom.

**A CHURCH WORKDAY THIS SATURDAY (11/16)** has been scheduled by the Trustees for from 9am-noon. The building and property could use some general cleanup before winter arrives. Please lend a hand if you can!

### SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Jeremiah Rosen      Church Cleaning: Naumanns

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 36; Bible Class/Sunday School = 22

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$104,788.28	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$96,709.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,674.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$9,671.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$128,049.42	

### MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	11am	Voters Election Meeting
<b>Tue. 11/12</b>	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
<b>Thu. 11/14</b>	10am	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
<b>Fri. 11/15</b>	6-8pm	Fall Festival at Mt. Zion
<b>Sat. 11/16</b>	9am-12pm	Church Workday
<b>Sun. 11/17</b>	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Sunday Service (w/ Communion)
<b>Sun. 12/1</b>	11am-2pm	Church Potluck & Christmas Decorating
<b>Wed. 12/4</b>	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Midweek Advent Service

### 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. **CLC Pastors John Hein** and **Timothy Wheaton** are both receiving treatment for cancer. **CLC Pastor Paul Nolting** is undergoing open heart surgery this Friday.

### 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 Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

**STATE CHAMPS:** The volleyball team of the CLC's high school, Immanuel Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI, won the Wisconsin division five state championship yesterday! They beat Columbus Catholic, from Marshfield, in four sets. The games were held in Green Bay. It's the first time in the 65-year history of the school that an Immanuel team (of any sport) has won a state championship. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the whole school, especially the student athletes and long-time head coach Joe Lau. All glory to God!

**2025 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>