

March 2, 2025



*Man looks on the outward  
appearance,  
but the LORD  
looks on  
the heart.*

*1 Samuel 16:7*



# MT. ZION

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# Quinquagesima Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.*

## Today's Order of Service

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 903 *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

**1** *This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.*

**2** *Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.*

**3** *Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.*

**4** *Blessed is He who comes to us With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us To save our fallen race.*

**5** *Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**I** 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.*

**I** 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.

## Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## The Responsive Reading: Psalm 51 Selected Verses

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**P** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**C** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalms,  
Hymns,  
&  
Spiritual  
Songs



**P** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**C** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:31-43*

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**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 700 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

*3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

## **The Sermon: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers.

### **Theme: "THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART"**

I. Discouraged and grieved hearts like Samuel.

II. Humble and contrite hearts like David.

#### Sermon Worksheet:

*Why did Samuel "grieve over Saul"?*

*What did God do for Samuel's grieving, discouraged heart? What does this mean for you?*

Why did Samuel assume Eliab must be God's chosen king for Israel?

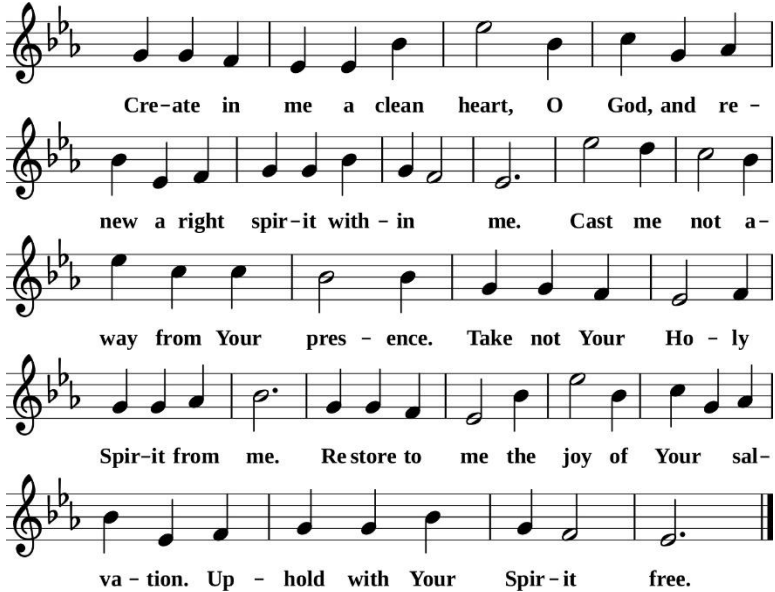
While his brothers were being trotted out before Samuel, where was David?

What exactly did the LORD see in David's heart? (cf. Psalm 51:3,9,10,17)

What great news does God have for hearts that are humble and contrite?

## 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 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

**1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.**

**Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.**

**2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.**

**3 Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.**



## 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 "Scmctzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

**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, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory; 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

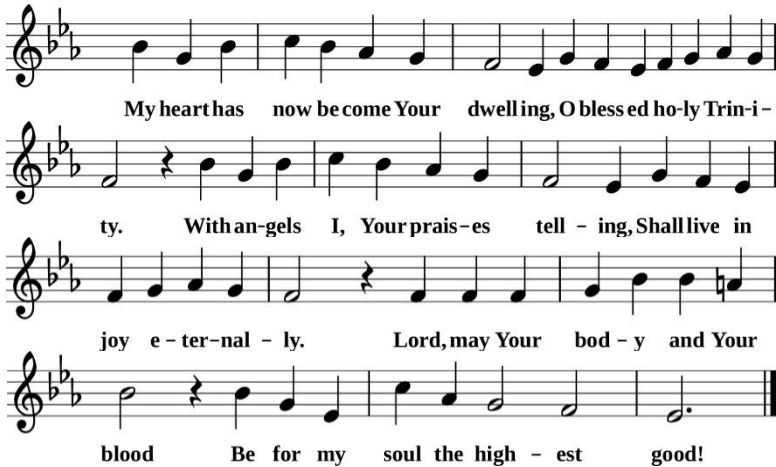
*The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)*

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 - tiles 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 be come 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 632 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

*1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.*

*2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart - How blest am I! How good Thou art!*

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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.

**TODAY: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** is holding a congregational meeting following the service. They will be delivering an updated report on our plan to open a Christian Day School at Mt. Zion. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be time for questions and open discussion.

**TODAY: CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE** is this afternoon at 4pm in North Olmsted. Speak with Pastor for more details.

**MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES:** The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are holding 6 midweek services every Wednesday in Lent at 7pm. Our theme this year is *His Final Steps*. The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' final steps to the cross and three days later, His first steps from the tomb. The pulpit exchange schedule is below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Sermon Text and Theme</b>
<b>Mar. 5</b>	Pastor Tom Naumann	John 11 ... <i>Led to a Tomb</i>
<b>Mar. 12</b>	Pastor Mike Wilke	John 12:1-11 ... <i>Led to a Dinner</i>
<b>Mar. 19</b>	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	Matt 21:12-17 ... <i>Led to the Temple</i>
<b>Mar. 26</b>	Pastor Tom Naumann	Mark 11:12-25 ... <i>Led to a Fig Tree</i>
<b>Apr. 2</b>	Pastor Mike Wilke	Luke 23:9-19 ... <i>Led to His Enemies</i>
<b>Apr. 9</b>	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	John 12:20-23... <i>Led to some Greeks</i>

**LENT SOUP SUPPERS** are back! Don't let an empty stomach or an empty social calendar distract you from the real meat during the Lenten service. Come fill your stomach and enjoy delicious fellowship on March 5th - 6pm, March 19th - 6pm, and April 2nd - 6pm in the basement fellowship hall before 7pm service. Sign up sheet at the back of church, if interested in cooking or cleaning! – Michelle Ryan

**BLESSING BAG DONATIONS:** There is a box in the coat area for donations that will be included in blessing bags for the homeless. Please bring items such as water bottles, snacks, or disposable washcloths during the month of March for assembly into individual bags. – Susan Fobear

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

Last Sunday Attendance = 40; Bible Class/Sunday School = 22

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$19,692.32	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,461.54
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$16,640.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,814.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$1,664	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$132,861.25	

**SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: D’Onofrio

**MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Today</b>	11am	Bd. of Education Congregational Meeting
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Wed. 3/5</b>	6pm	Lent Soup Supper
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent Begins)
<b>Thu. 3/6</b>	8pm	Compensation Committee Meeting
<b>Sun. 3/9</b>	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
<small>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</small>	10am	Sunday Service (w/ Communion)
<b>Tue. 3/11</b>	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Ed)
<b>Thu. 4/17</b>	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Fri. 4/18</b>	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
<b>Sun. 4/20</b>	10am	Easter Brunch (Men cook)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Mason Dzakowic’s** father, Mark, was recently diagnosed with cancer. **Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson’s disease. 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:** Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

**CLC YOUTH CAMP AT PILLAGER 2025** Camp registration opens Saturday March 15th at 10am CST. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager, MN is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information please visit our website, <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com).

**ILC ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN.** Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, **check out our academic and registration information at [ILC.edu](http://ilc.edu)**, or contact our Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, phone (715) 836-6636.