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MT. ZION

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11th Sunday after Trinity



Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *We thank You, gracious Father in heaven, for the priceless blessings You have given us in Your Word. Grant that we may receive it with meekness, apply it to our lives and daily needs, and, living according to it make it known unto others. Above all, strengthen and keep us in our saving faith unto eternal life through this blessed Means of Grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 793 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**2 Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**3 Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**4 Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

The Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be

called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor-shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 4:1-15*

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 50 Selected Verses*

P "Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

C O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

P Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

C Your burnt offerings are continually before me.

P Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

C And perform your vows to the Most High,

P And call upon me in the day of trouble;

C I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

P The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;

C To one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"



Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 566:1-5 *By Grace I'm Saved*

*1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain; By grace you too will life obtain.*

*2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.*

*3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.*

*4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace--grace through His Son.*

*5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?*

The Sermon: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result

of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Theme: AMAZING GRACE THROUGH FAITH

I. From walking dead in sin. (1-3)

II. To made alive with Christ. (4-9)

III. Now walking in God's good works. (10)

Sermon Worksheet:

Who is John from the sermon intro? For what is he most famous?

Why is "dead" such an accurate description of people without faith? (v.1)

Grace is God's undeserved love for sinners. How did God's grace literally come to us 2000 years ago? What did grace do for us?

In what sense are we "made alive" when we are given faith in God's grace?

Why are verses 8-9 two of the sweetest, most precious words in Scripture?

How does faith show itself as we walk this new life in Christ? (v.10)

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 744 *Amazing Grace*

**1 *Amazing grace--how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!***

**2 *The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.***

**3 *Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.***

**4 *Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.***

**5 *When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.***

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

☪ 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)

Closing Hymn 566:6 *By Grace I'm Saved*

***6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.***

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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 Tom about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

DEDICATION SERVICE: Our first service at the new church will be a special dedication service on Sunday, September 14, at 4:00pm. We have invited the entire CLC and we hope to have lots of visitors. A catered meal will be provided after the service. We look forward to praising the LORD on this special occasion!

PROGRESS AT THE NEW CHURCH PROPERTY: We continue to make progress on preparing our new house of worship at 510 W. Girard, thanks in large part to the work of our Property Planning Committee! In addition, many volunteers have spent much time and effort on the projects for the new church, and many generous donors have contributed to the Building Fund to move things along financially. Praise the Lord for cheerful givers and hard workers! Please keep these things in your prayers as we move toward our opening dedication service in only 2 weeks! Please speak to Randy or Jesse for project details.

"STOCK THE FREEZER" FOR THE RYAN BABY: In preparation for Carl and Michelle's baby due October 14, Ashley Naumann is collecting freezer meals for their family. The goal is to ease the burden of cooking when the baby arrives. Please speak to Ashley if you are able to provide a meal.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue. 9/2	8pm	Property Planning Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/7	10am	Divine Worship Service
Tue. 9/9	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Ed)
Sun. 9/14	10am	Divine Service No Morning Service
	4pm	Dedication Service at New Church Property
	5:30pm	Meal following the service
Sun. 9/21	9am	Bible Class and Sunday School Resume

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 27

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$80,101.66	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$81,851.20	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,306.00

Building Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$22,540.00 (Phase 1 Goal: \$20k)	School Fund (Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Fund): \$64,981.25
Building Fund Balance: \$15,984.04	Missions Offerings YTD: \$5,813.00

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Troyan
 (Up next month: Usher: Mason Dzakowic; Church Cleaning: Wittorp)

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. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson's disease. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a baby boy in October. **Our congregation** continues to pray for a buyer for our old church property at 26689 Northeastern Hwy.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CALL NEWS: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has **received and accepted** the vacancy call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

RETIREMENT: Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of September 6-7, 2025.

DEDICATION: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property on Sunday, September 14, at 4:00pm.

INSTALLATION: On Sunday, September 14, 2025, Pastor David Ude will be installed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

"MANUP" CLC MEN'S RETREAT: ManUp allows the opportunity to strengthen and encourage men 18 and older in their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend includes Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many awesome outdoor activities. The retreat will be held September 25 - 28, 2025 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for ManUp online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Generous CLC donors have offered grants for men 25 and younger to attend for only \$25. Registration deadline is August 31st, 2025.