

September 28, 2025



"THEREFORE DO NOT  
WORRY ABOUT

**TOMORROW.**

FOR TOMORROW WILL  
WORRY ABOUT ITSELF."

MATTHEW 6:34, NIV



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# Trinity 15 Divine Service

Sunday, September 28, 2025 † 10:00am  
510 W. Girard Ave, Madison Heights, MI, 48071

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, strengthen our faith in You the only true God, and increase our wisdom in Your holy Word. Restore unto us the joy of Your Salvation, and the hope of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ we ask it, Amen.*

## Today's Order of Service

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 812 *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

**1** *Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.*

**2** *"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "For He was slain for us!"*

**3** *Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow'r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.*

**4** *Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.*

### 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: *Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 65 Selected Verses*

- P** Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.
- C** **O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**
- P** When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.
- C** **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!**
- P** You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.
- C** **You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.**
- P** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- C** **You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**
- P** The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
- C** **The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**



## Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**6:1** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup> One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**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 730** *What Is the World to Me*

**1** *What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my Treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shalt be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!*

**2** *The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!*

**3** *The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!*

**4** *What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!*

### **The Sermon:** *Matthew 6:24-34*

*Lay Reader: Mr. Randy Wittorp*

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

## Theme: NOT TO WORRY

I. Trust in material things, and you've got a lot to worry about.

II. Trust in the Lord, and your worries are over!

### 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 736 *Consider How the Birds Above* (to the tune of 839)

**1 Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?**

**2 The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these which quickly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?**

**3 Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think, Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.**

**4 Be on your guard against all greed, For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev'ry need Before our needs to us are known.**

**5 Be not afraid to suffer loss Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross Will give you strength to live each day.**

**6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace, His holy Name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.**

## 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)*

**☩** 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.  
**☩** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 924:1 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

***1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.***

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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. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor Tom about a free Bible study about our faith and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

- † Restrooms are located to the left after you exit down the main aisle.
- † A Parents Room is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- † A Guest Book is located in the narthex. If you are visiting with us today, please do sign the Guest Book.

**THANK YOU** to Mr. Randy Wittorp for conducting today's worship service and Mr. Dave Troyan for conducting Bible Class. Pastor and family are in Washington to visit family and attend a wedding. They will return later this week.

**VOLUNTEER WITH MT. ZION AT THE DETROIT MARATHON:** For the second year in a row, we are organizing a group of members to volunteer at a water/aid station for the Detroit Marathon on the morning of Sunday, October 19 (service will be held on Saturday, see the calendar below). Speak with Randy Wittorp if you're still interested in volunteering.

**"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**

<b>Tue.-Thu.</b> <b>9/30-10/2</b>		Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI
<b>Sun. 10/5</b>	9am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service (w/ Communion)
<b>Sun. 10/12</b>	11:30am	Q3 Voters Meeting
<b>Sat. 10/18</b>	4pm	Divine Worship Service (rescheduled from 10/19)
<b>Sun. 10/19</b>	7am-12pm	Detroit Marathon Volunteering at Aid Station
	9am	NO Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	NO Divine Service (rescheduled to 10/18 @4pm)

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

Usher: Mason Dzakowic    Church Cleaning: Wittorp

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL** \*Offering numbers are from 9/21/25

Last Sunday's Service Attendance = 37; Bible Class/Sunday School = 24

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$87,255.52	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$87,622.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,099.00
Building Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$22,740.00 (Phase 1 Goal: \$20k)	School Fund (Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Fund): \$66,339.00
Building Fund Balance: \$11,594.04	Missions Offerings YTD: \$5,813.00

**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. **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 Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**DEDICATION:** Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate their new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00pm.

**SOUTHEATERN WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Registration is now open for the Southeastern Women's Retreat, to be held in Sherrills Ford, NC, February 13-15, 2026. The theme this year is "Sisters in Christ". To register, please head over to [women'sretreat.clclutheran.net](http://women'sretreat.clclutheran.net), click on SOUTHEAST, and scroll down to the link for the online form. If you would like to register over email or you have any questions, reach out to [southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com) We hope to see you there!