

November 15, 2020



Let us therefore
STRIVE
to enter that rest.

HEBREWS 4:11, ESV

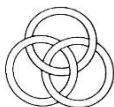


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24th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, send Your Spirit from on high upon Your believing children everywhere that they may be true to the faith and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. May Your Word proclaimed to us this day continue to make us wise unto salvation and direct our lives to be fashioned more and more after Your image. In Your name we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 794 (WS2000): *Jerusalem, Jerusalem*

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| 1. Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
When shall I come to thee?
<i>When shall my sorrows have an end?</i>
Thy joys when shall I see? | 2. When shall these eyes
Thy heav'n-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong
And streets of shining gold? |
| 3. Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend?
Wherevermore the angels sing,
The Sabbath has no end. | 4. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above. |

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*

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

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

God, We Praise You! *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")*

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You

2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their

sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one

by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry; grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly, One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and

ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!" Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

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.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:9-11*

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 116* *Selected Verses*

- P** I love the LORD,
- C** Because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
- C** Therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- P** The snares of death encompassed me; The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
- C** I suffered distress and anguish.
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
- C** "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
- C** Our God is merciful.
- P** Return, O my soul, to your rest;
- C** For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- P** For you have delivered my soul from death,
- C** My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- P** I will walk before the LORD
- C** In the land of the living.
- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD
- C** Is the death of his saints.



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Apostle's 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 277 (TLH): *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.*

2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.*

3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.*

The Sermon: *Hebrews 4:9-13*

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

THEME: The Best Rest is Yet to Come

- I. It's the eternal rest of heaven
- II. It's a rest worth striving to reach
- III. It's a rest only reached by the Word of God

The Offertory

C: 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 660 (TLH): *I'm But a Stranger Here*

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| <p>1. <i>I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.</i></p> <p>3. <i>There at my Savior's side
Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified,
Heav'n is my home;
There are the good and blest,
Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest,
Heav'n is my home.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.</i></p> |
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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 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!

Hymn 463:8 (TLH): *For All the Saints*

- 8. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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 our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS UNTIL JANUARY. Pastor will be out of town next week, the following week we are cancelling for Thanksgiving, and midweek Advent services will begin on December 2 and run the length of the month. Wednesday Bible Class will resume in the new year, God willing.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on the first Sunday in Advent, November 29 following the service.

ELECTION VOTERS MEETING will be held remotely on November 29 at 3pm. At this brief meeting we will elect officers for the 2021 calendar year.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm MN has **returned** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Former ILD Seminary graduate and current CLC member Terry Stringer has passed the first stage of CLC colloquy and has been declared eligible by President Eichstadt to serve as a vacancy pastor.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attend. 11/8/20 = 15 <> Online BC Attend. 11/11/20 = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$56,230.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,385.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$66,836.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,795.46

SERVING US THIS WEEK

November Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Worship Service
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 11/17	7pm	Outreach Meeting
Sun. 11/22	10am	Thanksgiving Sunday Service
		(Layservice; Pastor Naumann out of town)
Sun. 11/29	11am	Church Christmas Decoration
	3pm	Voters Meeting (remotely via Google Meet)
		Officer Elections for 2021
Wed. 12/2	7pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemo treatment.