January 24, 2021







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

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 270 (TLH): Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea, Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred. Leaving all for His dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden stole. From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toll and hours of ease, Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."

5. Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Savior, make us hear Thy call, Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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!





The Prayer for the Day

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

- 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

The Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 139:1-10

- P O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- P You search out my path and my lying down
- **C** And are acquainted with all my ways.
- **P** Even before a word is on my tongue,
- Behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- **P** You hem me in, behind and before,
- **G** And lay your hand upon me.
- P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;



C It is high; I cannot attain it.

P Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C Or where shall I flee from your presence?

P If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

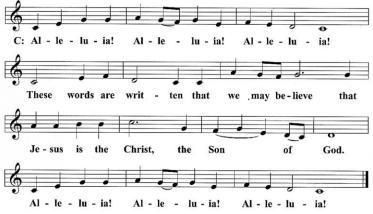
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

The Epistle Reading: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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



The Apostles' Creed We boldly confess what we believe.

- 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 296 (TLH): Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed; Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed. Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.

2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice! May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice! Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word; But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

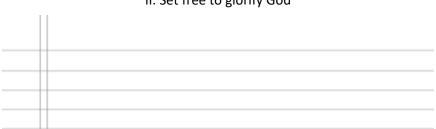
3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need; Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my Soul doth feed. Lord, Thy words shall be my light Through death's vale and dreary night; Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me; May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee! Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art, When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

THEME: My Body, God's Temple



I. Bought with a price II. Set free to glorify God

The Offertory



Hymn 398 (TLH): Renew Me, O Eternal Light

1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Thy holy face.

2. Destroy in me the lust of sin, From all impureness make me clean. Oh, grant me power and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood!

3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Thy Word And naught but what Thou wilt, desire; With such new life my soul inspire.

4. Grant that I only Thee may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold Thee face to face, O Light eternal, through Thy grace.

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)

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 409:1 (TLH): Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure. Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

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.

NO USHERING OUT OF CHURCH: The cold winter weather has made it quite uncomfortable to visit outdoors following service. So in order to maintain social distancing indoors, we will no longer be ushering out of the sanctuary. Rather, we encourage worshipers to remain spaced out in the pews while visiting after the service. Feel free to dismiss yourself when you're ready to leave.

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is today at 1pm on Google Meet. Voters, please see yesterday's church email for information from President Wittorp about how to join the meeting. <u>Hard copies of the annual congregational report</u> are available on the hymnal rack in the back of church.

WEDNESDAY ONLINE BIBLE CLASS continues this Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm on Google Meet: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd. We continue our study of the Book of Acts with chapters 17-18. Hope to see you there!

9:00AM SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS is resuming next Sunday, January 31 per the determination of the Board of Elders at a meeting this past Tuesday. Bible Class will be held in the sanctuary and attendees will be asked to space out just as they would for the church service. The class will be live streamed privately to Mt. Zion members only. Keep an eye on your email for more details coming soon.

NEW COMMUNION REGISTRATION PRACTICE: It is quite common throughout Christianity for churches to ask their members to register their names before communing on a particular Sunday. This helps the pastor and church elders keep track of monthly communicants to ensure that all communicant members are regularly receiving the wonderful, sin-forgiving sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus. In the past, Mt. Zion's pastor has been solely responsible for recording the names of those who commune. However, as Mt. Zion's membership has increased and especially considering the current pandemic with some members worshiping from home, beginning on February 7 we will now be asking all communicants to please register either via email or in-person on a sign-up sheet that will be available in the back of church. Thank you!

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 "\$clcmtzion". Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Education Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Megan Goodwin, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. has **resigned** her call as lower grade teacher. <> Teacher Sherman Carstensen, Immanuel, Mankato, MN has **resigned** his call as high school teacher and assistant principal.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: Randy Wittorp <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Budgeted offering numbers TBD at Q1 Voters Meeting

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Bi-Weekly		Total Offerings				
Offerings Needed:	\$	Needed YTD:	\$			
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Offerings Received:	\$1,829.00	Received YTD:	\$3,230.00			
Missions Offerings YTD (includes x% of GB & individual offerings):						

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Worship Service (2 nd Sunday after Epiphany)
	1pm	1 st Quarter Voters Meeting
Wed. 1/27	7pm	Online Bible Class Resumes
		Use this link to join: meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd
Sun. 1/31	9am	Sunday Bible Class Resumes
	10am	Worship Service (2 nd Sunday after Epiphany)
Thu. 2/11	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 2/17	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent begins)

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 (atdistance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. The Wittorps are expecting a newborn baby boy in May.