

April 18, 2021



1 JOHN 2:1

WE
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WITH THE
FATHER,
JESUS
CHRIST
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3rd Sunday of Easter

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 Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 728 (WS2000): *Christ Is Living*

**1. Christ is living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more.
Death and grave, you now are nothing; Christ is free of every power.
Why then seek the living Savior In the haunts of death and fear?
Christ is risen! Shout the good news So that all the world may hear.**

**2. For if Christ is not arisen There is nothing to believe.
Truth be told, He keeps the promise: "Since I live you too shall live."
Dust we are, to dust returning, But in Christ we are restored.
Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph: Jesus is the living Lord!**

**3. Death is swallowed up in victory; Sin has lost its poison sting.
Life will blossom from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.
For the sureness of salvation Let us sing "Thanks be to God!"
Christ is risen! We are living! Spread the word of grace abroad.**

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;
growing 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 First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 118 *Selected Verses*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- C** For his mercy endures forever!
- P** Let Israel say,
- C** "His steadfast love endures forever."
- P** Let the house of Aaron say,
- C** "His steadfast love endures forever."
- P** Let those who fear the LORD say,
- C** "His steadfast love endures forever."
- P** The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
- C** What can man do to me?
- P** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
- C** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
- P** The stone that the builders rejected
- C** Has become the cornerstone.
- P** This is the LORD's doing;
- C** It is marvelous in our eyes.
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- C** For his mercy endures forever!



The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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 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 206:1-5 (TLH): *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

- 1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.*
- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?*
- 3. Nay, too closely am I bound Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.*
- 4. I am flesh and must return Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.*
- 5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.*

The Sermon: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the

Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Theme: STAKE YOUR CLAIM ON THE RISEN CHRIST

I. Declare your fellowship with Him (1:1-4)

II. Demonstrate your fellowship with Him (1:5-2:2)

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 357 (TLH): *Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever*

- 1. *Jesus, Thou art mine forever, Dearer far than earth to me;
Neither life nor death shall sever Those sweet ties which bind to Thee.***
- 2. *All were drear to me and lonely If Thy presence gladdened not;
While I sing to Thee, Thee only, Mine's an ever blissful lot.***
- 3. *Thou alone art all my Treasure, Who hast died that I may live;
Thou conferrest noblest pleasure, Who dost all my sins forgive.***
- 4. *Brightest gems and fairest flowers Lose their beauty in Thy frown;
Joy and peace, like balmy showers, In Thy smile come gently down.***
- 5. *Jesus, Thou art mine forever; Never suffer me to stray.
Let me in my weakness never Cast my priceless pearl away.***
- 6. *Lamb of God, I do implore Thee, Guard, support me, lest I fall.
Let me evermore adore Thee; Be my everlasting All.***

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. While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse (788:1):*

***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

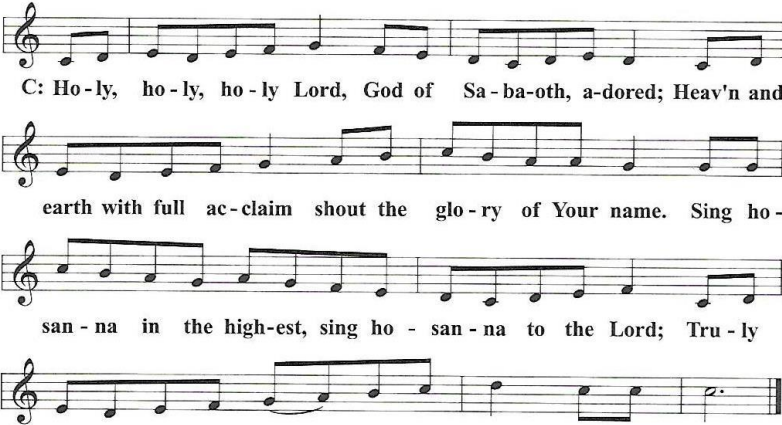
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

- 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



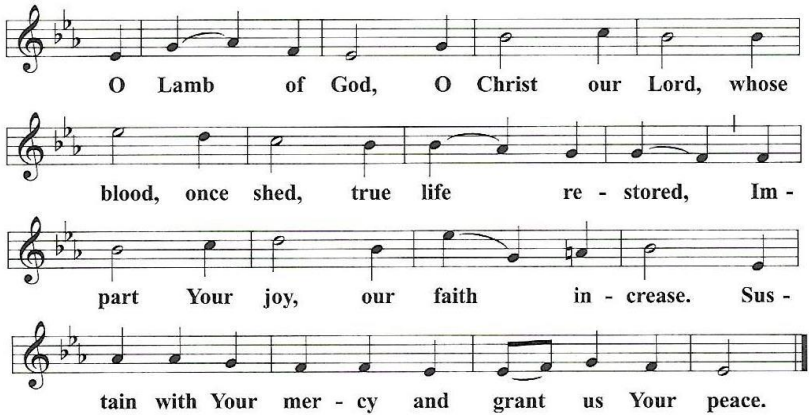
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
 earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
 san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

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 Agnus Dei



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.

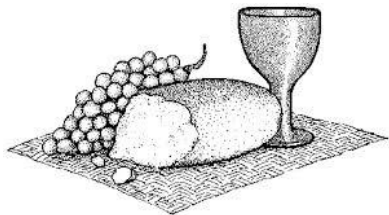
Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

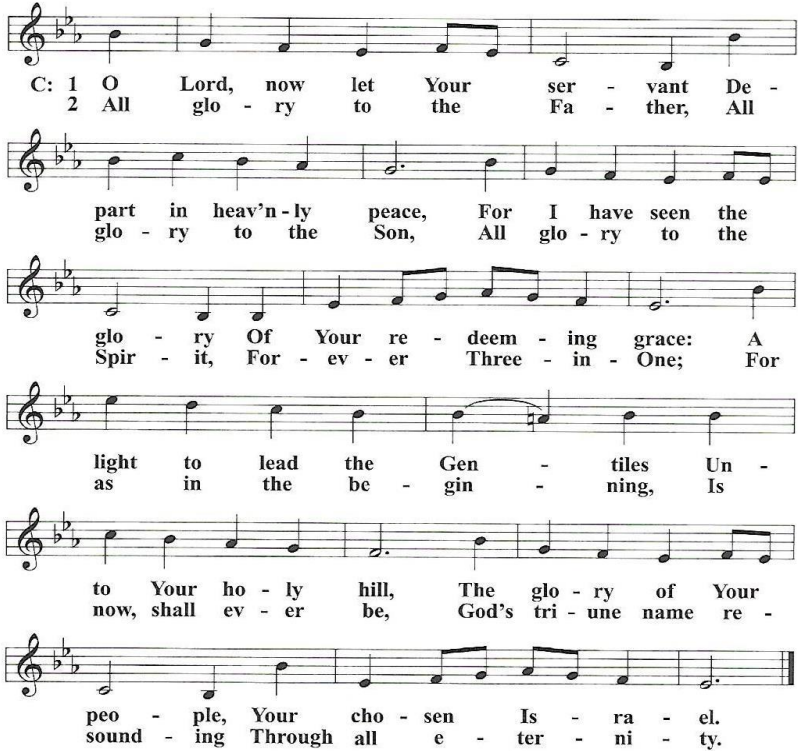
We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you 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."*



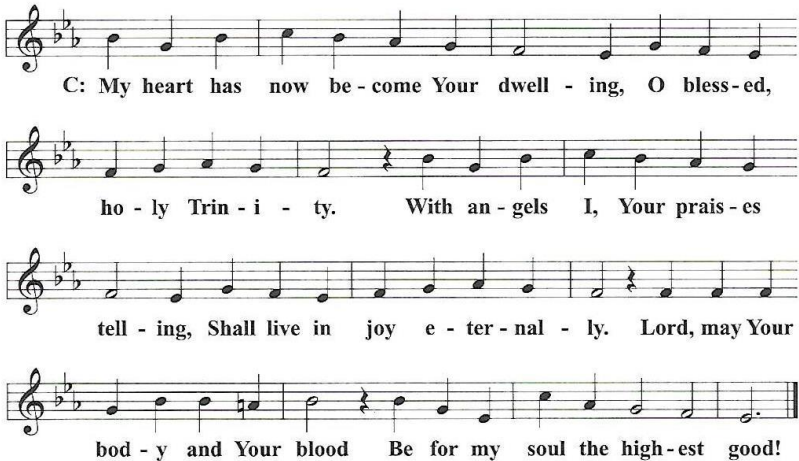
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
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.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 207:1,6 (TLH): *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

**1. Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.**

**6. For the joy Thy advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heaven I shall behold 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.

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

THE 2nd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled to take place remotely today at 1pm. Voters, information about joining the meeting were emailed to you yesterday. If you are not able to attend, please inform President Wittorp asap.

"HERE I STAND": This Sunday marks the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's brave declaration at the Diet of Worms (that is, the official meeting of church and civil authorities in the city of Worms, Germany). Luther was confronted with grave personal danger because of his defense of the true Gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, based on Scripture alone. It is good for us to offer sincere thanks to God for this heritage of grace, which has been preserved for us down to our own generation. For some details on this important moment in Gospel history, see tinyurl.com/luther-diet.

CLC CALL NEWS: The Call Committee for ILC Graduates extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Drew Naumann to Trinity, Spokane, WA. Teacher Calls: Ben Hansen to St. John's, Okabena, MN. Kathleen Naumann to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Mrs. Carrie Reim has **received** the call to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

THE 2021 MANUP! CLC MEN'S RETREAT will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and

older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous “ManUp” weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

PROFESSOR JOHN REIM RETIREMENT VIDEO: If you attended Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, or Seminary in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a Class Day commemoration video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu. The deadline for submissions is May 1.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

April Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 1 // In-Person Bible Class = N/A

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$23,076.92
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,663.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$22,882.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,288.20

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	1pm	Q2 Voters Meeting
Sun. 4/25	9am	Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service (Easter 4)
Tue. 5/2	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 5/3	7pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun. 5/23	4pm	Cleveland Worship 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. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May. **Denise Troyan** is recovering from COVID-19.