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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for teaching us Your Word, which is the beginning of all true wisdom. Through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, continue all Christian education among us to the glory of Your name and of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 629 (TLH): *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

- 1. Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw, And which our parents told.*
- 2. Make unto them His glories known, His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down Thro' ev'ry rising race.*
- 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, And they again to theirs;
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.*
- 4. Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust the Lord,*
- 5. To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love But walk in His commands.*

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

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

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: 1 Samuel 17:3-9,32-33,37-51

And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" ³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And

the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 78:1-7*

- P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
- C** **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**
- P** I will open my mouth in a parable;
- C** **I will utter dark sayings from of old,**
- P** Things that we have heard and known,
- C** **That our fathers have told us.**
- P** We will not hide them from their children, but
tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds
of the LORD,
- C** **And his might, and the wonders that he has done.**
- P** He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
- C** **Which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,**
- P** That the next generation might know them,
- C** **The children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their
children,**
- P** So that they should set their hope in God
- C** **And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**



The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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.

Children's Sermon:

Theme: FIRST BIBLE SCHOOL... THEN GOLIATH

VBS Children Sing

Hymn 785 (WS2000): *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**1. Children of the Heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather
Nesting bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2. God His own doth tend and nourish In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**4. Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne're forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

The Sermon: *Romans 15:4-13*

Seminarian Zack Sippert Guest Preaching

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Theme: WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 472 (TLH): *Rise, Ye Children of Salvation*

- 1. Rise, ye children of salvation, All who cleave to Christ, the Head.
Wake, arise, O mighty nation, Ere the Foe on Zion tread.
He draws nigh and would defy All the hosts of God Most High.**
- 2. Saints and heroes long before us Firmly o this ground have stood;
See their banner waving o'er us, Conquerors through the Savior's blood.
Ground we hold whereon of old Fought the faithful and the bold.**
- 3. Fighting, we shall be victorious By the blood of Christ, our Lord;
On our foreheads, bright and glorious, Shines the witness of His Word;
Spear and shield on battle-field, His great name we cannot yield.**
- 4. When His servants stand before Him, Each receiving his reward;
When His saints in light adore Him, Giving glory to the Lord,
"Victory!" our songs shall be Like the thunder of the sea.**

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 \$cashtag is "Şclcmztzion". 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 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 36:1 (TLH): *Now Thank We All Our God*

- 1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

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.

THANK YOU to our VBS children for edifying us with their singing today and thank you to Seminarian Zack Sippert for bringing us the Gospel message. Zack is the younger brother of Mt. Zion member Kaity Mueller. He is entering into his senior year at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI and is looking forward to graduating and beginning his ministry next summer.

THE 3rd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is today following the service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held this past Monday – Wednesday. In all, 20 children attended, ages 3 years old through 4th grade (2 members; 18 nonmembers). We praise God for the opportunity to bring the good news of Jesus to precious children. Thank you especially to Katelyn Boyce, Celine Fobear, Susan Fobear, Kaity Mueller, Ashley Naumann, and Randy and Danielle Wittorp for all their work planning crafts, teaching Bible lessons, coordinating snacks, designing and printing t-shirts and so much more. May God's Word take root and bear fruit!

NEXT SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC: Next Sunday, July 25, we will be holding an outdoor church service at 10:00am at a pavilion at the Madison Heights Civic Center Park (same location as last year). There are picnic benches to sit at, but you may want to bring your own camp chairs for comfortability. Following the service we'll be grilling burgers and hotdogs for the picnic. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church to sign up to bring a side dish, dessert, etc.

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 18th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp begins on Monday and goes through Thursday (July 19-22) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. Information and last-minute registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED: We are planning to reopen our Sunday School this fall for pre-school and kindergarten ages. If you are interested in being the lead teacher or a teacher's aide, please speak with Pastor.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz, member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Troyans <> Lawn Care: Pastor

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday = 18

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$43,076.92
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,670.50	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$41,958.50
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$4,195.85

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/19 – Thu. 7/22		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park
Sun. 7/25	10am	Outdoor Service and Church Picnic Madison Heights Civic Center Park
Sun. 8/1	11am	Special Audio/Video Outreach Meeting
Sun. 8/8	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 8/10	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

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. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, has received news that her cancer has returned after a couple of years in remission. **Pastor and Ashley Naumann's** niece, Adelaide Hope Naumann, was born prematurely last month at 23 weeks. She is still under 3lbs, but in stable condition at the NICU of the U of Minnesota in Minneapolis. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby in January 2022.