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...and they become
*one
flesh.*
Genesis 2:24



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 625 (TLH): *Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

- 1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there, How dark and poor and void it were!*
- 2. Oh, blest that house where faith ye find And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!*
- 3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost! May none to them and heaven be lost!*
- 4. Blest such a house, it prospers well, In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown How richly God can bless His own.*
- 5. Then here will I and mine today A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!*

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 Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:22-6:4*

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 139 Selected Verses*

- P** For you formed my inward parts;
- C** You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- P** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- C** Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- P** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
- C** Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- P** Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

C In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

P How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

C How vast is the sum of them!

P If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

C I awake, and I am still with you.

P Search me, O God, and know my heart!

C Try me and know my thoughts!

P And see if there be any grievous way in me,

C And lead me in the way everlasting!



The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³ 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.





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 790 (WS2000): *Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here*

1. *Your Love, O God, has called us here, For all love finds its source in you,
The perfect love that casts out fear, That love that Christ makes ever new.*

2. *O Gracious God, you consecrate All that is lovely, good, and true,
Bless those who in your presence wait And every day their love renew.*

3. *O God of love, inspire our life, Reveal your will in all we do;
Join every husband, every wife In mutual love and love for you.*

The Sermon: *Genesis 2:18-24*

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with

flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Theme: MARRIAGE IS WORTH SAVING

I. Because it is instituted by God

II. Because it is blessed by God

III. Because it is modeled by God

The Offertory

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



Hymn 858 (LSB): O Father, All Creating

1. *O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and pow'r
 First bound two lives together In Eden's primal hour,
 Today to these Your children Your earliest gifts renew:
 A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.*
2. *With good wine, Lord, at Cana The wedding feast You blessed.
 Grant also these Your presence, And be their dearest guest.
 Their store of earthly gladness Transform to heav'nly wine,
 And teach them, in the testing, To know the gift divine.*

**3. O Spirit of the Father, Breathe on them from above,
So searching in Your pureness, So tender in Your love
That, guarded by Your presence And kept from strife and sin,
Their hearts may heed Your guidance And know You dwell within.**

**4. Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;
Unless You, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows Is endless love begun.**

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 "\$clcmztzion". 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

☩ 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

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

☩ Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them up to the Lord.

☩ 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”

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

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

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

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.

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.

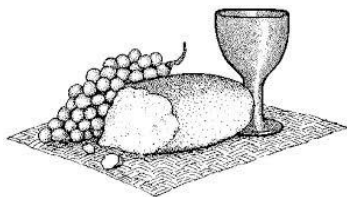
Distribution of the Sacrament

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."



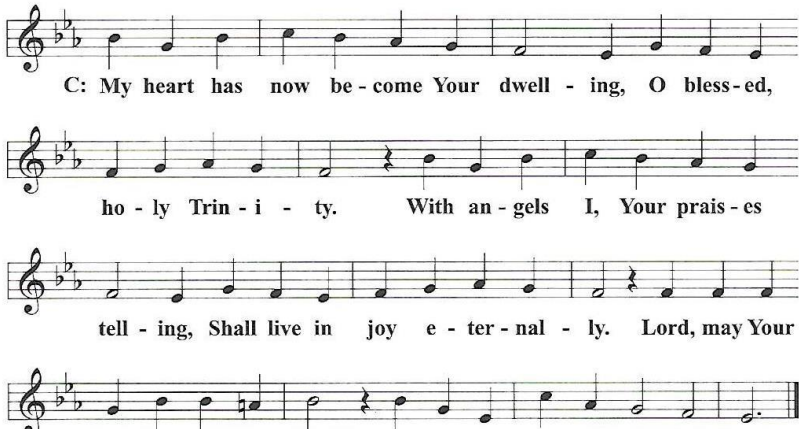
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

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, The 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.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 477:1 (TLH): Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

*1. Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head,
Thou art her one Foundation;
In Thee she trusts, before Thee bows,
And waits for Thy salvation.
Built on this Rock secure,
Thy Church shall endure
E'en though the world decay
And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!*

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 and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

A JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE of the Great Lakes Region and the Southeast Region met last week Milford, OH in connection with a visit to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. Twenty-one pastors (including your pastor) were in attendance. The Lord richly blessed our gathering and the studies of His Word. The papers delivered: 1) "Marriage, Divorce, Desertion, & Remarriage" by Pastor Dennis Rieken; 2) A Hebrew language study of Psalm 23 by Pastor Terrel Kesterson; 3) "Preach Your Marriage Vows: A Homiletical Essay" by Professor John Ude; 4) "Approaching Matters of Health & Science without Divisiveness" by Pastor Sam Rodebaugh. If you'd like any copies of the papers delivered, just ask!

THE 4th QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, October 24, at 11:00am. Voters that will be absent, please inform Randy beforehand.

A CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL is being planned by LIFT for Sunday, October 31 from 4-6pm. Mark your calendars! More details will be coming soon.

FALL MISSION WEBINAR AT GETHSEMANE IN SAGINAW: The Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 4 pm ET. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details @ us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/

PRELIMINARY PROPERTY RELOCATION DISCUSSIONS: In accordance with the voters' direction from the July Q3 meeting, Mt. Zion's Board of Trustees, in connection with the Board of Christian Education, is beginning to investigate the possibility of relocating our congregation to another property which would better suit our needs (especially considering the CLC's new domestic mission Christian day school initiative, see 2021 CLC Convention Summary at bit.ly/3D70kET). This investigating real estate and working with the CLC Board of Trustees to determine available financing from the CLC Church Extension Fund. All members of Mt. Zion are invited and encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions about a possible relocation with the Trustees.

2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **has received** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, **is still considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + As planned, Pastor Dave Fuerstenau, Holy Truth Lutheran Church, Ketchikan, AK **is retiring** from the public ministry following this Sunday's service. Pastor Fuerstenau has been serving since 1985. He and his wife Roxy will reside in Eau Claire, WI.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL **Offering Numbers are from 10/3/21*

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = <> Bible Class/Sunday School = 5

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$60,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,622.25	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$56,898.98
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5,689.90
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,385.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 10/12	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Christian Ed. Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Thu. 10/14	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun. 10/17	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship Service
Sun. 10/24	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Sun. 10/31	4pm	Church Fall Festival

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, is receiving treatment for cancer. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby girl in January 2022. **Andrea D'Onofrio** has requested prayers for her friend Alina, who is experiencing late-term complications in her pregnancy.