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ON CHRIST The Solid Rock I STAND

ALL OTHER GROUND IS Sinking Sand

MATTHEW 7:24-29

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Pre-Service Personal Prayer: Dear LORD God, Who gives instruction to salvation through Your holy Word, we thank You that You have graciously made us students of Your Word through faith in Christ. Fill us with love and zeal for the Gospel, cause our faith to increase, and make us diligent in the spreading of Your saving Word. Help all of us to live according to Your will. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 376 (TLH): Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy Law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly,-- Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment-throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee!

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.

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:

- 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.
- 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



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for "Glory in the Highest (to God)." A hymn glorifying and praising our God.





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: Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.²⁰ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth...

²⁶ "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I

command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obev the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 127

- P Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
- **C** Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
- **P** It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;
- **C** For he gives to his beloved sleep.
- **P** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- **C** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
- **P** Blessed is the man who fills his guiver with them!
- C He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.



The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:21-28

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it--²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.





The Baptism of Gabriel Todd Naumann

The Apostle's 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 751 (WS2000): God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It 1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasure many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ! Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled, And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

 4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

The Sermon: Matthew 7:24-27

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Theme: BUILDING ON THE ROCK

I. Realizing the seriousness of our sins

II. Trusting in the Rock of our salvation

The Offertory

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



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 "\$clcmtzion". 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 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 785 (WS2000): Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the Heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather Nestling 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.

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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 Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

BAPTISM: We welcome the newest member of Mt. Zion: Gabriel Todd Naumann, born June 14, the son of Pastor and Ashley Naumann, is born again today of water and the Word. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives Gabriel the gift of saving faith in the Savior Jesus Christ, thereby washing Gabriel of his sins and declaring him a dear child of the heavenly Father, a member of the Holy Christian Church, and an heir of eternal life. God is good!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is July 11-15, Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 11:30am for children 4^{yrs}—8th Grade. Flyers with more info are available on they hymnal shelf. Go to mtzionlutheran.info to register. We need volunteers to teach, do crafts, oversee snacks and recess. Please speak to Pastor Naumann if you can help.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED: Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer. *Galatians 5:13 Through love serve one another.*

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 19th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 18-21 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 13. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

MISSION HELPER TRIP FUND: Mt. Zion member Andrea D'Onofrio has volunteered for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa this coming summer. Participants in this three-week overseas teaching trip are responsible for paying their own expenses (airfare, food & lodging, etc.). Total costs are ~\$3500. To assist in Andrea's gospel work, Mt. Zion has established a "Mission Helper Trip Fund." If you are able to contribute, please donate to the fund and clearly mark your offering check for the "Mission Helper Trip Fund."

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, *has received* the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA. + Pastor Samuel Naumann, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, *has returned* the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ *is still considering* he call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

June Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: Jim Lucas

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering Numbers are from 6/5/22

worship Attendance Last Sunday = 26				
Bi-Weekly		Total Offerings		
Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Needed YTD:	\$36,384.62	
Bi-Weekly		Total Offerings		
Offerings Received:	\$2727.25	Received YTD:	\$35,918.50	
Missions Offerings YTD	\$3611.85			
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$56,061.50	
Andrea D'Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$2250.00	

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 6/21	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 6/22	10am	Midweek Bible Study – Can't make it in-person?
		Join online: meet.google.com/ggq-chyp-eoe
ThuMon.		35 th CLC Delegates Convention
6/23-6/26		Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 6/26	10am	Worship Service
MonFri.	9:00-	Vacation Bible School
7/11-7/15	11:30am	Volunteers Needed!
MonThu.		Lower Michigan Youth Camp
7/18-7/21		Pigeon Creek State Park, West Olive, MI
Sun. 7/24	10:00am-	Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic
	1:00pm	Monroe Park, Madison Heights
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Our hope is secure because we are anchored to Christ. As our great High Priest and through His own body, He has opened a new and living way so that all believers may now approach God without fear (Heb. 10:20).

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THE SOLID ROCK L M and refrain

Acts 4:11-12; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 7:24; 16:24