

June 26, 2022



FOR TO ME, CHRIST AND TO GAIN,
TO LIVE IS DIE IS

PHILIPPIANS 1:21, NIV



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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord, as we come Your name to praise, may we feel Your presence near; may Your glory meet our eyes, while we in Your house appear! Here afford us, Lord, a taste, of our everlasting feast. In Jesus name we ask it, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 206:1-4 (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.**

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 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.

C 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.

- P** 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!

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.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

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

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor-shipped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 Kings 17:17-24*

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

devote yourself to the
public reading of Scripture,
to preaching and to teaching.

1 Timothy 4:13

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 30 Selected Verses*

P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning

P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

- C** You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- P** That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
- C** O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe 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.

Hymn 849 LSB: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness With a lib-er-
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In-car-nate, Christ, who suf-fered
at-ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris-'ners,
gen-tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de-mons
in our place. Je-sus died and rose vic-to-ri-ous
Turn-ing blind-ness in-to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos-pel, Heal-ing ev-'ry dread dis-ease, Calm-ing
wa-ter To the des-ert's burn-ing sand; From this
glad-ness, See-ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed-ing thou-sands With the ver-y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv-ing wa-ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev-'ry land.
praise the true Re-deem-er, Praise the One who makes us one.

The Sermon: *Philippians 1:18b-26*

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue

with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Theme: THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTTO

I. "I want to live *with* Christ" and

II. "I want to live *for* Christ"

The Offertory

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

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 608 (TLH): *Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road*

(Sung to the tune of TLH 162)

- 1. Let thoughtless thousands choose the road That leads the soul away from God;
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine, To live and die entirely Thine.**
- 2. On Christ, by faith, I fain would live, From Him my life, my all, receive,
To Him devote my fleeting hours, Serve Him alone with all my pow'rs.**
- 3. Christ is my everlasting All; To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my ev'ry want supply In time and thro' eternity.**
- 4. Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear; Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain. To live is Christ, to die is gain.**
- 5. Soon will the saints in glory meet, Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain: To live is Christ, to die is gain.**

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 Scashtag is "Scclmtzion". 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)

☩ 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.

☩ Amen!

Closing Hymn 597:1,8 (TLH): *For Me to Live is Jesus*

***1. For me to live Is Jesus. To die is gain for me;
Then, whensoe'er He pleases, I meet death willingly.***

***8. Amen! Thou, Christ, my Savior. Wilt grant this unto me.
Thy Spirit lead me ever That I fare happily.***

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.

WEDDING THIS FRIDAY: Mt. Zion "at-distance" members, Taylor Benjamin and London Hughes, will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony this Friday, July 1, in Cleveland, OH. May God bless them in their new life as one!

THE 3rd QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is two weeks from today on Sunday, July 10 at 11am. Voters that are unable to attend are asked to please inform President Carl Ryan so that you may excused from the voting quorum.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is July 11-15, Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30am for children 4yrs-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.

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.

OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, July 24, we will be holding an outdoor church service at 10:00am at a pavilion at Monroe Park in Madison Heights (same location as 2019). 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.

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

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 Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, **has returned** the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

June Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 21

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$41,346.15
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4270.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$41,392.50
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$4159.25
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$61,511.50
Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund			\$2250.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 6/29	10am	Midweek Bible Study – Can’t make it in-person? Join online: meet.google.com/ggq-chyp-eeo
Fri. 7/1	Evening	Benjamin/Hughes Wedding (Cleveland, OH)
Sun. 7/3	10am	Worship Service with Communion
Sun. 7/10	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon.-Fri. 7/11-7/15	9:00-11:30am	Vacation Bible School (Volunteers Needed!)
Tue. 7/11	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Mon.-Thu. 7/18-7/21		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, West Olive, MI
Sun. 7/24	10:00am-1:00pm	Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic Monroe Park, Madison Heights