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The prayer  
of the righteous  
is powerful  
and effective



# MT. ZION

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 540 (TLH):** *With the Lord Begin Thy Task*

**1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.  
Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,  
In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.**

**2. Let each day begin with prayer Praise and adoration;  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care, He is thy Salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee,  
Save thee from the Tempter's might, With His presence cheer thee.**

**3. With thy Savior at thy side, Foes need not alarm thee;  
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm thee.  
All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.**

**4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing.  
Good will follow everywhere While thou here must wander;  
Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.**

**5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended;  
May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done To Thy praise forever.**

**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: *Genesis 18:20-32*

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 6 Selected Verses*

**P** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

**C** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

**P** My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD--how long?

**C** Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

**P** I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

**C** My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

**P** Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

**C** The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

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

1 Timothy 4:13

### The Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**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 459 (TLH):** *Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare*

1. *Come, my soul, thy suit prepare, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not say thee nay.*
2. *Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.*
3. *With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.*
4. *Lord, I come to Thee for rest, Take possession of my breast;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.*
5. *As the image in the glass Answers the beholder's face,  
Thus unto my heart appear; Print Thine own resemblance there.*
6. *While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, Lead me to my journey's end.*
7. *Show me what I have to do; Every hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.*

## The Sermon: James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

### Theme: IS THERE GRASS ON YOUR PRAYER PATH?

*Make it well-worn again by...*

- I. Praying in all circumstances (13-15a)
- II. Praying for healing from sin (15b-16a)
- III. Praying with powerful expectations (16b-18)

## 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 457 (TLH): *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.**

## 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

**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

*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.*

**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, 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.”*

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.*

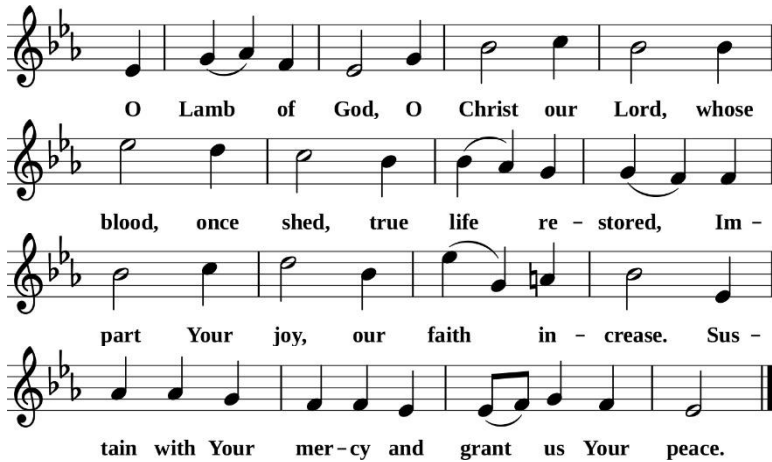
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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.

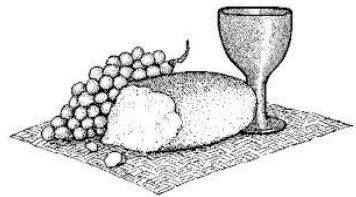
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### 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)*

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

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

# Thanksgiving

*We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.*

My heart has now be come Your dwelling, O blessed 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 47:1,4 (TLH): *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name***

- 1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.*
- 4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.*

## **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.

**MISSION HELPER PRESENTATION AND POTLUCK:** Next Sunday following the worship service Andrea D’Onofrio will be giving a slideshow presentation about her experience on the recent CLC Mission Helper Trip to Zambia. A church potluck will accompany the presentation. Please see the sign-up sheet on the hymnal rack to sign up to bring a dish, side dish, or dessert. All are welcome!

**BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume Sunday, September 11 at 9am. In Bible Class we’ll be taking up a study of the Gospel of John.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, *is still considering* the call to Redemption, Lynnwood, WA.

**CLC SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN’S RETREAT:** The women of the Southeastern Conference of the CLC will be hosting a women’s retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC October 7-9, 2022. Any CLC women who would like to join us (as well as any friends you would like to bring) can obtain a registration form from their pastor or can find it on the “CLC Southeastern Women’s Retreat Information” Facebook page. The registration deadline is September 1, 2022.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 26

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$52,923.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3712.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$48,708.90
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$4890.89
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$62,891.50

## **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

August Usher: Randy Wittorp Church Cleaning: Fobears

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Sun. 8/21</b>	10am 11am	Worship Service w/ Communion Mission Helper Trip Presentation from Andrea D’Onofrio
<b>Sun. 8/28</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Sun. 9/11</b>	9am	Bible Class and Sunday School Resume
<b>Tue. 9/13</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Bd of Ed/ Outreach Meetings

**MARTIN LUTHER ON PRAYER:** In 1535, Luther wrote a book for his barber containing practical advice on prayer. In *A Simple Way to Pray*, Luther writes, *“First, when I feel that I have become cool and joyless in prayer because of other tasks or thoughts (for the flesh and the devil always impede and obstruct prayer), I take my little psalter, hurry to my room, or, if it be the day and hour for it, to the church where a congregation is assembled and, as time permits, I say quietly to myself and word-for-word the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and, if I have time, some words of Christ or of Paul, or some psalms, just as a child might do. It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night. Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, “Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that.” Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day. It may well be that you may have some tasks which are as good or better than prayer, especially in an emergency. There is a saying ascribed to St. Jerome that everything a believer does is prayer and a proverb, “He who works faithfully prays twice.” This can be said because a believer fears and honors God in his work and remembers the commandment not to wrong anyone, or to try to steal, defraud, or cheat. Such thoughts and such faith undoubtedly transform his work into prayer and a sacrifice of praise.”*