

November 27, 2022



Come, let us
WALK
in the
LIGHT
of the
LORD!



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1st Sunday in Advent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Your advent on this first Sunday of the church year send Your Holy Spirit to open our hearts. Come with Your blessing upon our congregation, giving faithfulness to our pastor and success to his efforts, bestowing upon all our members brotherly love for one another and a zeal to spread the Gospel. Finally, come Lord Jesus! Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 73:1-4 (TLH): *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art Thou!**

**2. A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress,
The end of all our woe He brings; Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now, Mighty in deed art Thou!**

**3. O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is, Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art Thou!**

**4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for Heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To Thee, O God, be praise For word and deed and grace!**

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:

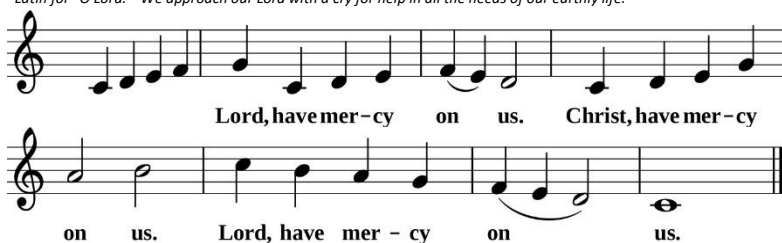
C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive 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.



Glory to God in the Highest (TLH 62:1-2 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel)

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

1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive
2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's
Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone-ly ex - - ile here Un-
tyr - - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And
til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
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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: *Romans 13:11-14*

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 18 Selected Verses*

P I love you, O LORD, my strength.

C The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

C The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

P In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

C He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.

P He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

C They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support.

P He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

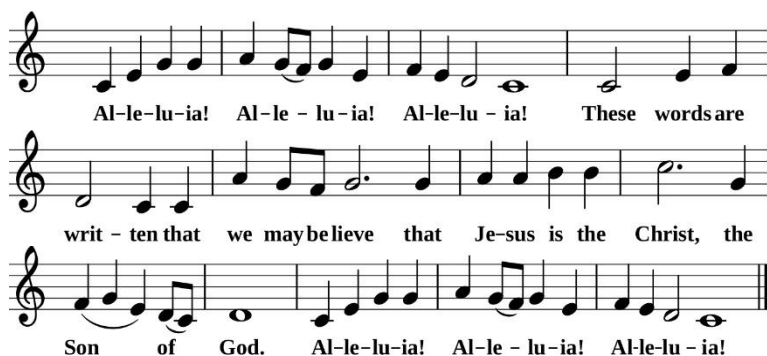
C For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

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 701 (WS2000): *Prepare the Royal Highway*

1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!

Let every hill and valley A level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story;

(Refrain): Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

2. God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! (Refrain)

3. Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!

Your king, yet every nation Its tribute too may bring.

All lands will bow before him; Their voices join your singing: (Refrain)

4. His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding For kindness to abounding: (Refrain)

The Sermon: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Theme: "COME, LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD"

I. The light is Christ II. The light shines brightly on all people

III. The light imparts permanent peace

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. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 56 (TLH): *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

- 1. *Jesus came, the heavens adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.***
- 2. *Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.***
- 3. *Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.***
- 4. *Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Cheering e'en our failing years.***
- 5. *Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory. Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day.***

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 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 87:1 (TLH): Joy to the World

*1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing.*

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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING is today following the service. Hope you can stick around to help beautify our sanctuary!

DECEMBER MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: *Advent* means "coming." Advent season is the time when we look forward to the celebration of when Christ *came* into the world to begin His mission of redemption. Beginning this Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30pm, Mt. Zion will be holding three midweek advent services. These additional worship opportunities are a great way to look forward to the greatest of all Christmas presents: our Savior Jesus!

A CHRISTMAS POTLUCK MEAL is being planned for Sunday, December 18. Please see the signup sheet in the back of church to volunteer to bring a dish or dessert.

AN AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY is being planned for Friday, January 13. Pizza, snacks, a white elephant gift exchange and games! Everyone is welcome, so please mark your calendar.

NEW CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE: LIFT is proposing a new way to schedule church cleaning. Those who are willing and able to serve the Lord in this way are asked to put their names on a volunteer list in the back by the end of the year. LIFT will then add those names to a schedule in order to assign weeks for cleaning (2 weeks at a time). If you are unable to clean on a week that is assigned to you, please make arrangements to trade your week with another volunteer. Thank you for your much needed service.

FREE BIBLES TO GIVE AWAY: The outreach committee has assembled Free Bible packets for church members to give away to friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. They are in the clear plastic tote in the entryway. Please take 1-2 and keep them in your car/home. You never know when God might give you the opportunity to share His saving Word!

2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, ***has returned*** the dual call to serve Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, ***is still considering*** the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, ***is still considering*** the call to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

November Usher: Nicholas Jakel Church Cleaning: Troyans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 16; Bible Class/Sunday School = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$77,730.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3558.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$70,900.16
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$7110.02
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$66,582.50

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Wed. 11/30	6:30pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service
Fri. 12/2	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sun. 12/4	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	1 st Sunday in Advent Worship Service
Tue. 12/6	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
Tue. 12/13	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Sun. 12/18	11am	Christmas Potluck Meal
Sat. 12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. 12/25	10am	Christmas Sunday Service
Fri. 1/13	6pm	After-Christmas Party

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. **Jackie's infant grandson, Josiah**, underwent successful open heart surgery last month and continues to recover at home. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein** (Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN) is receiving treatment for stage 4 thymic carcinoma cancer.