

November 12, 2023



For the
**LORD
HIMSELF...**

with the sound
of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ
will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:16, NRSV



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Saints Triumphant Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, send Your Spirit from on high upon Your believing children everywhere that they may be true to the faith and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. May Your Word proclaimed to us this day continue to make us wise unto salvation and direct our lives to be fashioned after Your image. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 677:1-3,7-8 *For All the Saints*

1 *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2 *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3 *Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

7 *But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

8 *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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:

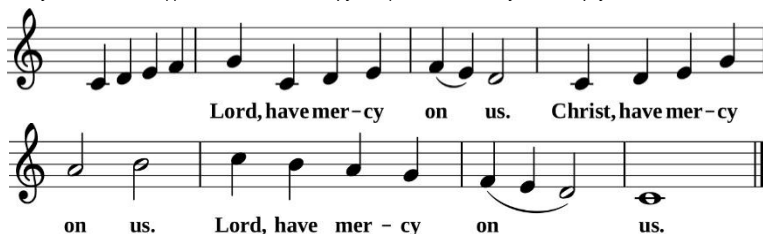
C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive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

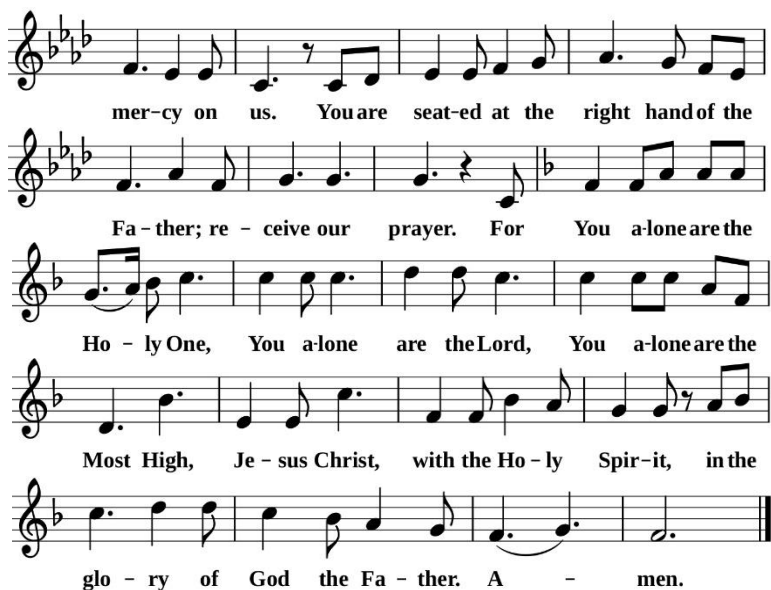
Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Glory to God in the Highest

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.

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: *Isaiah 52:1-6*

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. ² Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. ³ For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." ⁴ For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. ⁵ Now therefore what have I here," declares the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and continually all the day my name is despised. ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 84* *Selected Verses*

- P** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- C** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- C** Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!
- P** Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- C** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- P** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- C** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
- P** No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- C** O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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



The Apostles' 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 515 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.*
- 2 The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.*
- 3 The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.*
- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!*

The Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Theme: THE PERFECT REUNION

I. The planning is already finished.

II. The whole family will be there.

III. The celebration will last forever.

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 680 *Thine the Amen, Thing the Praise*

**1 *Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.***

**2 *Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.***

**3 *Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.***

**4 *Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.***

**5 *Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.***

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 "Scslcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(WS 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.

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, who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away; 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 power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the highest.
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

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.



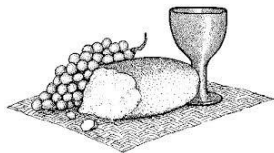
Distribution of the Sacrament

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."



Thanksgiving

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

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what
 He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;
 sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
 Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple
 forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;
 sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, alle-
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 670:4 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,

Supernal anthems echoing:

"Alleluia, alleluia!"

To God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, Three in One:

"Alleluia, alleluia!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"



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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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – LOCAL PARKS CLEANUP TODAY: Grab a sandwich downstairs and join the Outreach Committee after today's service as we go to several local Madison Heights parks to spend a few hours cleaning up garbage. The more the merrier!

SUMMARY OF LAST SUNDAY'S ELECTION MEETING: The following men were elected to serve our congregation starting in 2023: President Randy Wittorp (1 yr); Vice President Ben Mueller (1yr); Secretary Jeremiah Rosen (1yr); Treasurer Carl Ryan (1yr); Financial Secretary Dave Troyan (1yr); Elder Matt Fobear (3yr); Trustee Jesse Wilke (3yr); Bd. of Finance Mason Dzakowic (1yr) and Jim Lucas (1yr); Bd. of Education Dave Troyan (3yr) and Carl Ryan (2yr)... **Other Business:** MMC to accept Q4 Treasurer's Report... MMC to adjust Pastor's salary as proposed by the Bd. of Finance (15% annual increase beginning July 2023).

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue. 11/14	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Sun. 11/19	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
Sun. 11/26	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Thu. 11/30	3pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study (Shapiro Library)
	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
Sat. 12/2	10am	Board of Education Meeting (@Church)
Wed. 12/6	7pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL **Offering numbers are from 10/29/23*

Last Sunday Service Attendance: 36 Bible Class/Sunday School: 20

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$86,423.08	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$4115.38
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$93,574.82	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$3409.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$9357.48
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$84,201.99

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Jim Lucas Church Cleaning: D'Onofrio

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Kuwait. The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma cancer. **Kate Sauers**, wife of CLC pastor Rob Sauers, is being treated for lymphoma cancer.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA ***is still considering*** the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, ***is still considering*** the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Apply now so you can be part of this opportunity to spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16th. Find more information and apply online at www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.