

September 29, 2024



"YOUNG MAN, I SAY TO YOU

Arise"

LUKE 7:14

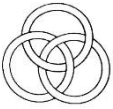


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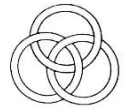
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18th Sunday after Trinity



Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Lord Jesus, grant us grace to recognize that we are helpless to earn our eternal salvation. Always fix our eyes of faith upon You. Send us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and nourish us in our faith that we may abound more and more in the desires and thoughts, the words and deeds, which are fruit and evidence of our faith. In Your name, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 809 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.**

***Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.***

**[Refrain]: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

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-shiped 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.

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 32:39-40*

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. ⁴⁰ For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 30*

- 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. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- C** As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
- P** By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- C** To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- P** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
- C** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- C** That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!



Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:13-21*

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 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 861 *Christ Be My Leader*

*1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.*

*2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.*

*3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.*

The Sermon: *Luke 7:11-17*

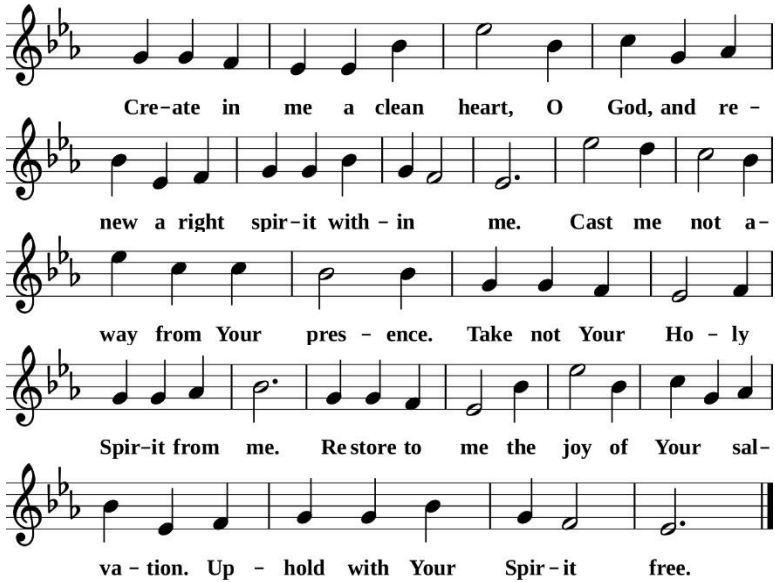
Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when 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.

Theme: STOP THE FUNERAL!

- I. Jesus has something to say (Do not weep).
- II. Jesus has something to give (Eternal life).

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through 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 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

***1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.***

***2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.***

***3 Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.***

***4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.***

***5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!***

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 "Scmctzion". 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 420:1 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

***1 Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.***

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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.

CLC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SEMINAR: A traveling CLC seminar focusing on the importance of Christian Education will be visiting our congregation on Saturday, October 19 at 3pm. Pastors Nathanael Mayhew, Mark Tiefel, Paul Tiefel, and ILC Professor Dan Schierenbeck will be the guest presenters. As Mt. Zion looks to open our Christian Day School next fall, this will be a great encouragement to us all. Please mark your calendars!

VOLUNTEER WITH MT. ZION AT THE DETROIT MARATHON: The outreach committee is organizing a group of members to volunteer at a water/aid station for the Detroit Marathon on the morning of Sunday, October 20. All volunteers will receive a free Mt. Zion Marathon t-shirt! Speak with Randy Wittorp if you would like to sign up.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tu-Th 10/1-10/3		CLC Great Lakes Pastoral Conf. (Madison, WI)
Thu. 10/3	10am	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Not meeting this week
Sun. 10/6	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
Tue. 10/6	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders, Council, Trustees, Outreach)
Fri. 10/11	6-8pm	Friday Night Bible School
Sun. 10/13	11am	LIFT Meeting
Sat. 10/19	2:00pm	Weekend Worship Service
	3:00pm	CLC Christian Education Seminar
Sun. 10/20	7am- 12pm	"Run/Volunteer with Mt. Zion" at the Detroit Marathon, Downtown, Detroit
Sun. 10/27	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Mason Dzakowic Church Cleaning: Muellers

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Worship Attendance = 25; Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$90,516.56	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$84,779.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$6,009.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$8,478.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$126,772.79	

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

CLC Pastor Timothy Wheaton, of Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO, has been diagnosed with inoperable, stage four thyroid cancer. He is resigning from the public ministry to spend time with his family. **Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school.

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 Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO and has **accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD <> Pastor Jim Naumann has **received and accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be **installed** at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on Sept. 29, 2024.

CLC CONVENTION PROCEEDING: The proceedings from the June 2024 CLC Convention are now available at the following link: <https://shorturl.at/TfaQP>

125th ANNIVERSARY: Zion Lutheran Church of rural Hidewood Township, SD, is celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. They will be celebrating on Sunday, October 13. The worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. Previous pastor Andrew Schaller will be the guest speaker. The service will be followed by a planned meal. Visitors are welcome -- for planning purposes, please let us know you are coming, if at all possible. Letters of greeting should be sent to Paul Krause. We also welcome any photos that you may have of Zion and their history -- send them to my e-mail so we can include them in our planned scrolling video display of our history.