

October 13, 2024



*Everything is ready.
Come to the wedding feast.*

Matthew 22:4 ESV

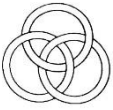


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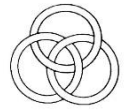
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20th Sunday after Trinity



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 ask it, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 575 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

*2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

*3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]*

*4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! [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: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 27 Selected Verses*

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

C Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."



Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:15-21*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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 830 *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

*1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.*

*2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.*

*3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.*

*4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.*

*5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!*

*6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.*

The Sermon: Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main

roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

Theme: COME TO THE WEDDING FEAST!

Summary: The Kingdom of Heaven is pictured as the joyful wedding reception of Christ and His bride, the Church. Everyone is invited. Everything is ready. Sadly, many reject the invitation or refuse to wear the wedding garments provided. We pray that God would work faith in our hearts to receive the gospel invitation, and in turn, invite others to come to the wedding feast!

Sermon Worksheet:

What is the definition of the Kingdom of Heaven? (aka Kingdom of God)

Who do the servants in the parable represent? What happened to them?

What one word sums up the entire message of Scripture?

What words did Jesus say from the cross which declared that the feast of salvation is finally ready? (John 19:30)

When did God destroy Jerusalem as judgment for rejecting His Son?

What words from the parable are a reference to the Great Commission?

What does the wedding garment represent? (Is. 61:10; Gal. 3:27)

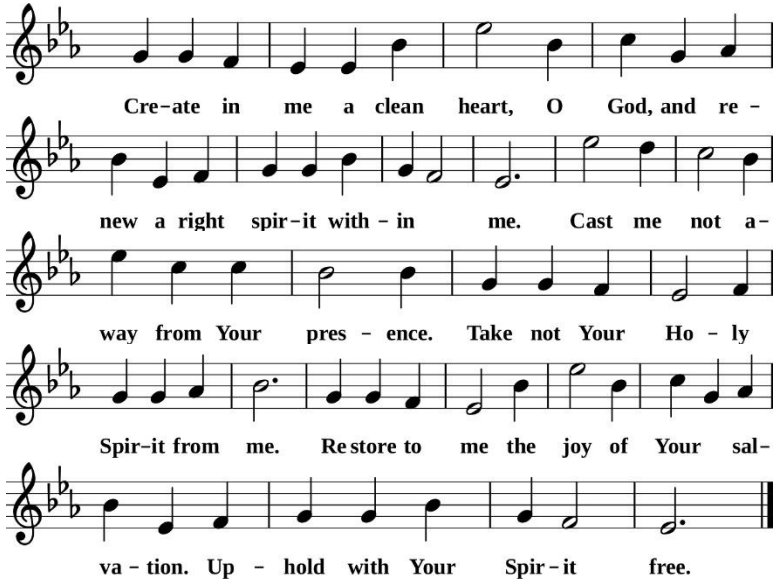
What will happen to those who rely on their own garments (works)?

What excuses do we make for neglecting the Kingdom of Heaven?

How are we like the "main road" guests in the parable? The servants?

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 *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* (By Charles Wesley to the tune of 563)

1 *Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; Let every soul be Jesus' guest;
There need not be one left behind, For God has bidden all mankind.*

2 *Sent by my Lord, on you I call; The invitation is to all;
Come, all the world! come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.*

3 *Come, all you souls by sin oppressed, You restless wanderers after rest;
You poor, and maimed, and sick, and blind, In Christ a hearty welcome find.*

4 *My message as from God receive; You all may come to Christ and live;
O let His love your hearts constrain, Nor permit Him to die in vain.*

5 *See Him set forth before your eyes, That precious, bleeding sacrifice!
His offered benefits embrace, And freely now be saved by grace!*

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 "Scslcmzion". 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

- 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.

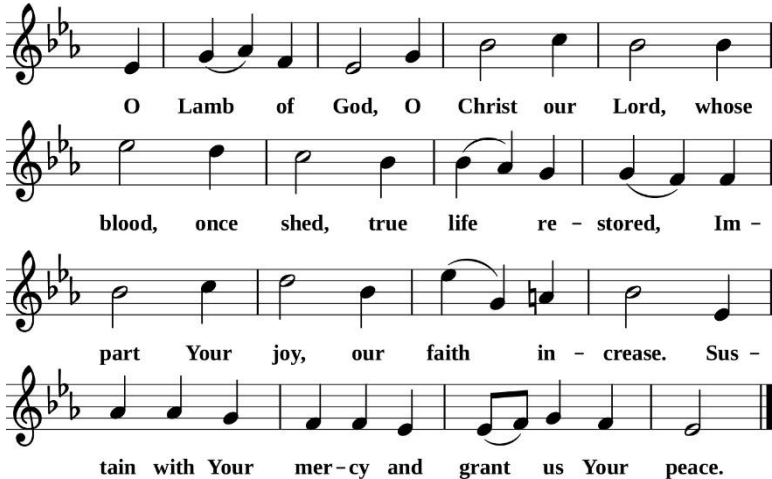
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

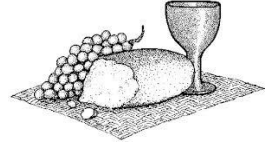
Communion Today is for Members Only Please

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 - tiles 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 become 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 620:1,5 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

*1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Offring pardon, grace, and peace.*

*He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."*

*5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.*

*Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.*

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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.

DETROIT MARATHON VOLUNTEERS: Please meet with Randy briefly after the service to go over the plans for next weekend.

LIFT MEETING TODAY: Mt. Zion's women's group is meeting today after service. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE: The worship service is being moved to Saturday at 2pm. After the Saturday service, we will be holding a special CLC Christian education seminar from 3:00-4:30pm. There will NOT be a Sunday service. This is due to the Detroit Marathon outreach event. See the announcements below.

Divine Worship Service: Saturday, October 19 at 2:00pm

CLC Christian Education Seminar: Saturday, October 19 at 3:00-4:30pm

Detroit Marathon Volunteering: Sunday, October 20 at 6:00am-12:00pm

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're still interested in volunteering.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 22; Bible Class/Sunday School = 16

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$95,249.80	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$86,975.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$962.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$8,698.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$127,012.79	

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: D’Onofrio

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	LIFT Meeting (Ladies In Fellowship Together)
Tue. 10/15	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Thu. 10/17	10am	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sat. 10/19	2:00pm	Weekend Worship Service
	3:00pm	CLC Christian Education Seminar
Sun. 10/20	6am- 12pm	“Run/Volunteer with Mt. Zion” at the Detroit Marathon, Downtown, Detroit (<u>NO Sunday Service</u>)
Sun. 10/27	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Sun. 11/10	11am	Voters Election Meeting

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. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school. **Immanuel Lutheran Church**, our sister CLC congregation in Winter Haven, FL is recovering from the direct impact of Hurricane Milton.

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 Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

HURRICANE MILTON: From Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL: “We basically took a direct hit from Milton in the early hours Tuesday. Thankfully, we were mostly spared any major damage. We’ve heard from most of the Immanuel members, and everyone is doing well - some with power and some without. We never lost power here at the parsonage but the church and teacherage are without power. There are lots of branches down at the parsonage and church, and we did lose the chain link fence on the west side of the church property that separates the playground area from 35th street. But all in all, the damage isn't too bad. We are certainly thankful to the Lord for protecting us. Please keep in your prayers the many folks throughout Florida who are dealing with a much worse situation than we are.”

2025 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>