

October 19, 2024



RUN

IN SUCH A WAY

AS TO GET THE PRIZE.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24 NIV

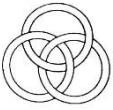


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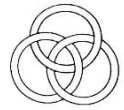
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21st Sunday after Trinity



Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, send Your Spirit from on high upon Your believing children everywhere that we may hold fast to the faith, running with endurance the race set before us that at last we might receive the crown of everlasting life. May Your Word proclaimed this day continue to make us wise unto salvation through faith in You. Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 869 *With the Lord Begin Your Task*

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

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

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

4 *If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.*

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

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a treble clef. The first staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff contains a similar melody, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a treble clef. The first staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff contains a similar melody, with some notes beamed together. The third and fourth staves contain a similar melody, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.
- G** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Ecclesiastes 9:4-12*

But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵ For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶ Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun. ⁷ Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. ⁸ Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. ⁹ Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that

he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. ¹¹ Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 95:1-7*

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

P In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

C **The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**



Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20:1-16*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up

to the first.⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

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 578:1-4 *Thy Strong Word*

1. *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee While thine ordered seasons run.*

*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

2. *Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath. [Refrain]*

3. *Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess. [Refrain]*

4. *From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. [Refrain]*

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Guest Preacher: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Theme: RUN FOR THE PRIZE

I. It takes hard work and dedication. II. The results are worth the effort.

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 664 *Fight the Good Fight*

**1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.**

**2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.**

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 \$cashtag is "Scmctzion". 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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

Closing Hymn 668:2 *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

**2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasure And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.**

**Trust the Lord, who stands beside you, For Jesus from all harm will hide you.
By faith you conquer in the fight.**

**Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal!
Joy awaits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
Your crown shines splendid as the sun.**

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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.

THANK YOU to Pastor Nathanael Mayhew for bringing us the gospel message today. Pastor Mayhew shepherds Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN.

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SEMINAR: We welcome Pastors Nathanael Mayhew, Mark Tiefel (Madison WI), Paul Tiefel (Eau Claire, WI), and ILC Professor Dan Schierenbeck (Eau Claire, WI). After today's service they will be presenting a special seminar on the importance of Christian Education. Please take 10 minutes to stretch your legs and grab some refreshments from downstairs. The seminar will begin in the sanctuary as soon as the projector is set up. We thank these men for traveling all this way and sharing this valuable message!

DETROIT MARATHON VOLUNTEERS: We look forward to seeing you at Fluid Station 10 (Cass & Canfield) tomorrow at 6am. Please make sure you wear your "Run with Mt. Zion" hoodie T-shirt and your neon volunteer jacket (find your size in the church coat closet). You should have received an email from our station captain with more information. If you have any questions, talk to Randy Wittorp.

THE Q4 VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, October 27. Voters planning to be absent are asked to please inform President Wittorp in advance.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	2pm	Weekend Worship Service
	3-4:30pm	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>)
Thu. 10/24	10am	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Not meeting this week
Sun. 10/27	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Reformation Sunday Service
	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Sun. 11/10	11am	Voters Election Meeting
Tue. 11/12	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Thu. 11/14	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Fri. 11/15	6-8pm	Fall Festival at Mt. Zion
Sat. 11/16	9am-12pm	Church Workday

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: D’Onofrio

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL **Offering numbers are from 10/13/24*

Last Sunday Attendance = 39; Bible Class/Sunday School = 24

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	

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. **CLC Pastors John Hein** and **Timothy Wheaton** are both receiving treatment for cancer. **Pastor Tim Daub** survived a medical emergency on a missionary flight to Pakistan. He is recovering.

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 **returned** 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.

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/>