

January 12, 2025



SING TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH;

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day after day.*

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Annual Song Service

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, today we especially thank You for the gifts of music, song, and instruments. Truly the greatest instrument in Your creation is the human voice, for only the voice can use music and song to proclaim the gospel of Christ crucified for sinners. Bless our worship and give strength to our voices to “Sing to the LORD” and “proclaim Your salvation day after day.” In Jesus’ name we ask it, Amen.*

Today’s Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 811:1,4 *Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices*

1 *Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me!*

4 *All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of his might!*

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!

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.

Hymns..... Congregation’s Favorites

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 5:11-15

And when the priests came out of the Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had consecrated themselves, without regard to their divisions, ¹² and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with 120 priests who were trumpeters; ¹³ and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Hymns..... Congregation’s Favorites

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymns..... Congregation’s Favorites

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.

Installation of Church Officers

**indicates this individual was installed last Sunday*

President Randy Wittorp (1yr)

**Vice President Ben Mueller (1yr)*

Secretary Jesse Wilke (1yr)

Treasurer Carl Ryan (1yr)

**Financial Sec. Dave Troyan (1yr)*

**Trustee Matt Fobear (3yr)*

Elder Randy Wittorp (3yr)

Bd. Education: Randy Wittorp (3yr)

*Board of Finance: Mason Dzakowic (1yr) and *Peter Voelzke (1yr)*

Hymns..... Congregation's Favorites

The Sermon: Romans 12:1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Theme: LIVING SACRIFICE

- I. My body which I use to worship Christ.
- II. My gifts which belong to the body of Christ.

Sermon Worksheet:

How is the term “Living Sacrifice” an oxymoron?

Apart from Sunday Worship, when else do we worship God?

How are we tempted to “conform” our bodies to this world?

What does it mean to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind”?

What was the price which Christ paid for our bodies (and souls)?

There are two ditches on the road of Christian living. What fills each ditch?

Why is the Holy Christian Church described as the Body of Christ?

My Gifts from God

How I can use them to worship God

Hymns..... Congregation’s Favorites

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 Sçashtag is “Scłcmztion”. While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

***As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav’nly King!***

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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of these things which are not seen; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Hymns..... Congregation's Favorites

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!

Hymns..... Congregation's Favorites

Distribution of the Sacrament

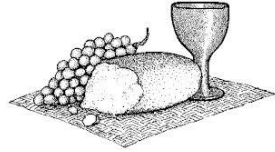
Communion Today is for Members Only Please

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."*



Hymns..... Congregation's Favorites

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 805 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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Hymn Favorites

- 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
364 Away in a Manger
387 Joy to the World
392 God Loves Me Dearly
411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak
420 Christ, the Life of All the Living
422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image
425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow
430 My Song Is Love Unknown
436 Go to Dark Gethsemane
437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning
451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
480 He's Risen, He's Risen
488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word
490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
507 Holy, Holy, Holy
525 Crown Him with Many Crowns
537 Beautiful Savior
543 What Wondrous Love Is This
547 The Lamb
555 Salvation unto Us Has Come
556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
561 The Tree of Life
563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
566 By Grace I'm Saved
570 Just as I Am, without One Plea
571 God Loved the World So That He Gave
575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
578 Thy Strong Word
582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
588 Jesus Loves Me
594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
605 Father Welcomes
611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be
621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
629 What Is This Bread
644 The Church's One Foundation
656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
662 Onward, Christian Soldiers
664 Fight the Good Fight
672 Jerusalem the Golden
676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
677 For All the Saints
686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways
710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
712 Seek Ye First
720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
725 Children of the Heavenly Father
727 On Eagles' Wings
728 How Firm a Foundation
729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
744 Amazing Grace
748 I'm But a Stranger Here
752 Be Still, My Soul
760 What God Ordains Is Always Good
761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
767 Jesus, Remember Me
783 Take My Life and Let It Be
790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
801 How Great Thou Art
816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies
826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying
835 On Galilee's High Mountain
837 Lift High the Cross
849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
861 Christ Be My Leader
869 With the Lord Begin Your Task
878 Abide with Me
883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
887 Now the Light Has Gone Away
895 Now Thank We All Our God
910 Now the Silence
912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone
918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing
924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

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.

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is today following the service. Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are available on the hymnal rack.

ROBERT CAVANAUGH'S FUNERAL was yesterday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who attended. We praise God for providing His comforting gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, which assures us of Robert's eternal rest in heaven. We will see him again soon. Hallelujah!

CLC VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT – MT. ZION WATCH PARTY: All women of the congregation are invited to church on Saturday, January 25 from 12:00-2:00pm to participate in a watch party for the virtual CLC women's retreat held via Zoom. This year's theme is "Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship" based on *1 Peter 4:10* "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Please arrive early and bring a lunch dish to share. Questions? Speak with Ashley Naumann for more information.

LIFT MEETING (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is meeting Sunday, January 26 at 11am. Election for 2025 LIFT officers will be held. All women of the congregation and invited and encouraged to attend.

2025 CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Those who are willing and able to serve the Lord in this way are asked to please inform Michelle Ryan. A monthly schedule will be created and posted on the bulletin board by the end of January. Thank you for your much needed service.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

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| Today | 11am | Q1 Voters Meeting |
| Tue. 1/14 | 7-9pm | Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Ed) |
| Fri. 1/17 | 5:30-8pm | Friday Night Bible School |
| Sun. 1/19 | 9am | Bible Class/Sunday School |
| | 10am | Sunday Service |
| Thu. 1/23 | 8pm | Property Search Committee Meeting |
| Sat. 1/25 | 12-2pm | CLC Virtual Women's Retreat (Watch Party at Church) |
| Sun. 1/26 | 11am | LIFT Meeting |

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Naumanns

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. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson's disease. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school. **Robert Cavanaugh** was tragically murdered on Christmas Eve. The funeral was yesterday.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 28; Bible Class/Sunday School = Xmas Break

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| General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$TBD | Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$TBD |
| General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$1,401 | Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,401 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$140.10 | |
| Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$131,522.64 | |

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT: "After successfully completing the re-entry process, Sam Naumann has been reinstated to the clergy roster of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. We thank the Lord for the progress Sam has made, and pray that one day soon he will be serving as a pastor in one of our congregations. God's will be done. Please continue to keep Sam and his family in your prayers. In Christ's Service, Pastor Michael Wilke, CLC President"

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

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