

Salem & Zion Lutheran Churches

Ironwood, MI

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Kyrie

The kyrie is a prayer at the beginning of worship to orient ourselves toward God's grace. "Kyrie" is Greek for, "O, Lord." "O, Lord, have mercy and compassion," we pray, on ourselves, the Church, and on the world.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **O, Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **O, Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **O, Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **O, Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

see Celebrate insert

Readings

see Celebrate insert

Children's Message

Sermon

Sermon Response

Words from "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" v.1 text: Charles Wesley,

**Come thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
clear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

see Celebrate Insert

Offering Prayer

Words from "People look East" verse 1, text by Eleanor Farjeon

**People look east. The time is near
the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today
Love, the Guest, is on the way,**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way of life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Remembering that we are joined with the whole assembly of saints across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

text from "Joy to the World," verse 1, text by Isaac watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
receive her king;
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Let earth
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing

Sending

Go in peace; prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Live Streaming. If you are interested in helping with the live streaming by reading, recording music or learning how to run the stream, please call Salem's office (906.932.1510), Zion's office (906.932.1320), or email Pr. Nicole at togetherinchristpastor@gmail.com.

Monday Morning Coffee Fellowship. Join us at 9am central time for a virtual coffee time. This is a time for fellowship and conversation. We meet on Zoom; if you would like an email reminder, please let Pr. Nicole know. Otherwise, you can find the link every Monday morning at 9am on both Zion and Salem's Facebook pages. If you have never used Zoom, Pr. Nicole would be happy to walk you through setting it up. If you do not have video conferencing capabilities, Pr. Nicole would be happy to help you connect via phone call.



Members: Ken Heczko, Paul Niemi-Z, Clyde Taivalmaa-Z, Darlene Perlberg-Z, Joy Paquin-S, Bob Johnson-S, Marilyn Vuorenmaa-Z, Don Stenstrom-S, Virginia Heczko-Z, Arlene Olson-S, Lisa Mildren-Z, Polly Hiipikka-Z, Elvie Strand-S, Kathleen Grbavcich-Z, Nancy Hill-S, Diane Halverson-Z, Deb Haustein, all homebound members

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Bishop Katherine Finegan, Pastor Jim Duehring and the NGLS staff, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Please contact the office for names to be added or removed from the list. Unless we are informed otherwise, names will remain 4 weeks.