

Strive to enter through
the narrow door.

For many,
I tell you,
will seek
to enter &
will not
be able.



Luke 13:24

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Christian Education

September 7 & 11, 2022

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: The paths of eternity are twofold: total joy in heaven or utter destruction in hell. Every human being will find himself in one or the other for all eternity. The way to heaven is through the "narrow door" of Jesus Christ, trusting in him alone for salvation and abandoning the works of the law as a way to earn eternal life.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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OPENING HYMN: CW 447(Wed.)

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

K-8 Zion School Choir (Sun)

"We Are His Workmanship"

TRUST

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Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode



1 Who trusts in God, A strong a - bode In heav'n
2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world -
3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet



and earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in love To
ly scorn as - sail us, While you are near, We
will stand se - cure - ly. Temp - ta - tion's hour Will



Christ a - bove— No fear his heart op - press - es.
will not fear; Your strength will nev - er fail us,
lose its pow'r, For you will guard us sure - ly.



In you a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide
O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our bod -



and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our
our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor
y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At



balm for woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
hell be - neath Our souls from you will sev - er.
your right hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 66:18-24

¹⁸ As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory. ¹⁹ Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries^[c] to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹ Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD. ²² For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³ As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD. ²⁴ They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them. (EHV)

Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹ to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰ because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” ²² Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³ to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴ to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TRUST

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I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive
 bear each day The cross of God's own send -
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

²² He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹ People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (EHV)

“THE DOOR FOR HEAVEN IS NARROW”

APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (SUN. ONLY)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

P: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

P: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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.

JUSTIFICATION

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Blessed Are They, Forever Blest



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood,
 And not on works but grace re - ly.
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere.
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

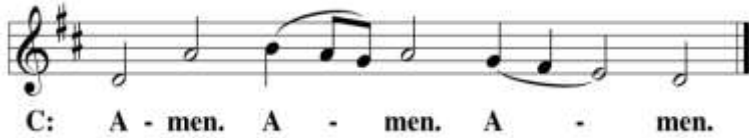
BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: *CW 431 (v. 6)*
(*Music on previous page*)

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUM SALE: Zion CEA (Christian Education Association) is having a potted mum sale. The mums are from Parran's Greenhouse and will cost \$9.00 each. The proceeds go to help the CEA general fund. If you would like to order a mum the order forms are in the west foyer. Just fill out the form and leave it with the money in the church/school office. Order deadline is Friday, Sept. 16th. Thank you in advance for your support.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: In the west foyer is a table for anyone who has extra vegetables from their gardens and doesn't know what to do with the extra items. Everyone is welcome to add or take from the table. Please enjoy the bounties of the harvest.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning on holding the Fellowship Luncheons again this year. The first speaker, Erich Freiny, is set for this Sunday, September 11 at noon. If you have any questions please contact Mark Fuerstenberg at 734-654-3736.

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We thank the following individuals for investing their effort, study, and time to teach Sunday School on our behalf: Jennifer Burke, Barbra Krueger, Elizabeth Seibert, Bryan Schneck, and Deanna Schneck. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your work for the benefit of our students and to God's glory.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We are needing to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (Christian Education Sunday) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class Noon Fellowship Experience & Luncheon
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Class 1:30 p.m. Worship with Communion 3:00 p.m. CEA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Education
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Thursday	Zion Soccer Game home vs. St. John's, Westland 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Saturday	Zion Soccer Games at home verses Jenera and Adrian
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC, CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class

Our Fruits of Faith

At worship last week: 28+105 = 133;

Offerings for week ending 9/10/22: General - \$12,611.00

Missions - \$434.00

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Aug. 31 & Sept. 4	Sept. 7 & 11	Sept. 14 & 18	Sept. 21 & 25	Sept. 28 & Oct. 2
ALTAR GUILD			Kathy Wozniak & Carol Eshelman		
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	Rob Krueger	Zach McCormick	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	Rob Krueger
USHERS	<u>Aug. 31</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg <u>Sept. 4</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>Sept. 7</u> <u>Sept. 11</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé	<u>Sept. 14</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Sept. 18</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Sept. 21</u> <u>Sept. 25</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Sept. 28</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf <u>Oct. 2</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 25, 2022** for an informational session on Christian estate planning and tax wise Christian giving. The informational session will be conducted by Rev. Hatzung, Senior Deferred Christian giving counselor from the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving. It will take place after worship service in place of Bible Class.

Christian Estate Planning . . .

Is it for you?

Most people know they need to do some estate planning. Did you know that only one out of every three people has a will?

How about you? Of all people, Christians ought to have wills.

Our church is sponsoring a Christian estate planning seminar since one part of a Christian estate plan is your will.

Come and learn how a will can be made that reflects what's in your heart. You will also have an opportunity to schedule a private consultation with a Christian giving counselor to have your questions answered. This is a service offered by our synod. It is confidential, and there is no cost to you.

Find answers to questions like these:

- Why is it so important for a Christian to have a will? What is a Christian preamble?
- Do I need a will if I have a living trust?
- Does a single person need a will? Who will take care of things when I die?
- If both parents die, what happens to the minor children? Who will raise them? How will they manage their inheritance? Will they receive their inheritance at age 18, or can it be paid to them over a period of years?
- How can I provide for my family? How much should I leave my children? How much is too much?
- How can I make a gift to my church through my will?
- What happens if I die without a will? What is a trust?
- Can I reduce the costs of probate and taxes with an estate plan?
- Where do I begin? How much time will it take? How much will it cost?

**Watch the church bulletin for details regarding
this Christian estate planning seminar.
Please plan to attend!**