



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023

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: God uses his Word to create and sustain saving faith in our hearts. Let us listen to it eagerly.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN: CWS 735

"Speak, O Lord"

WORD OF GOD

735

Speak, O Lord

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your

glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

Last time

OPENING HYMN

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

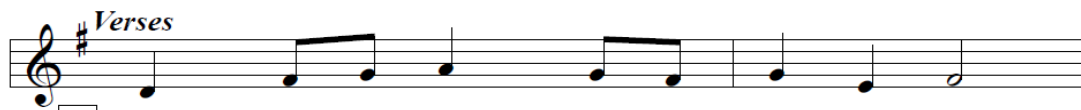
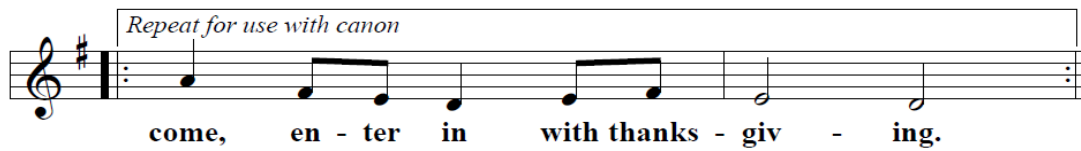
*Venite***L** *Refrain***C** *Refrain*

1
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

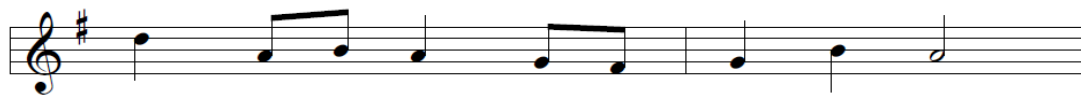
Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You are the God whom we call our own,



we are the flock that you shep - herd.

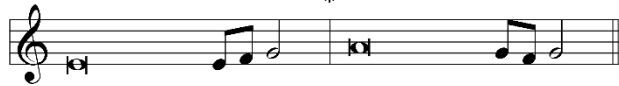
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰ Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. (EHV)

Refrain*Psalm tone*

Praise awaits you, O God,*
 you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;*
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water*
 to provide the people with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
 and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
 the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
 and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
 they shout for joy and sing.

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

Second Lesson

Mathew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ² A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸ But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²² The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³ But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.” (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14 cf. NIV)

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN: CW 324

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

CLOSE OF SERVICE

324

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move; But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope ²¹that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²²For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. ²³And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance. (EHV)

“I AM GOING TO HEAVEN!”

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

CW 127

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

L *Refrain*

C *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



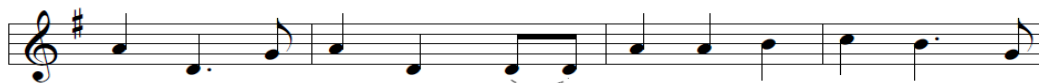
To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



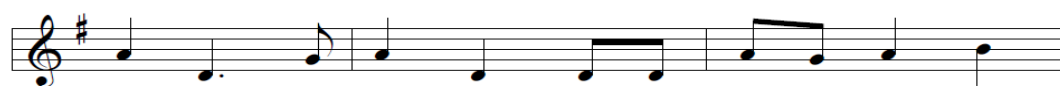
L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
You have ris - en to free us;

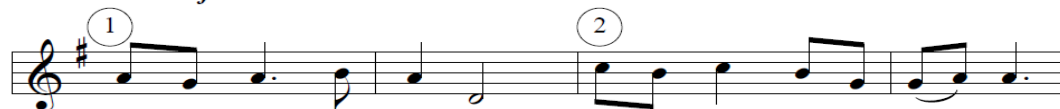


praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

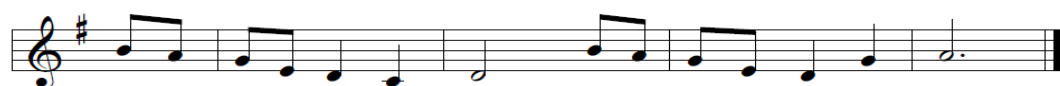
Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



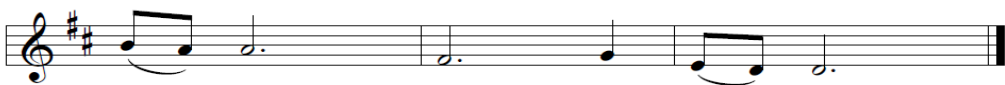
L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;



be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

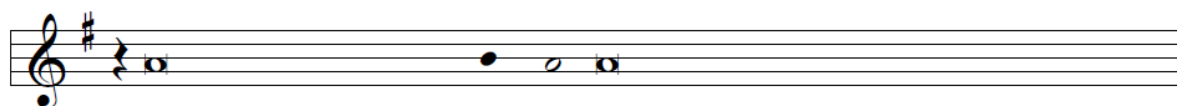


mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

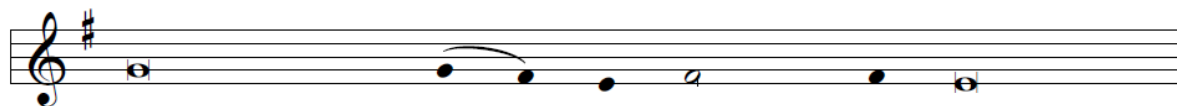
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

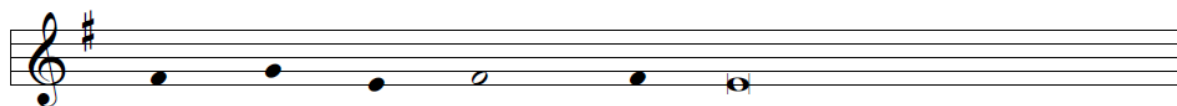
PRAYER FOR GRACE



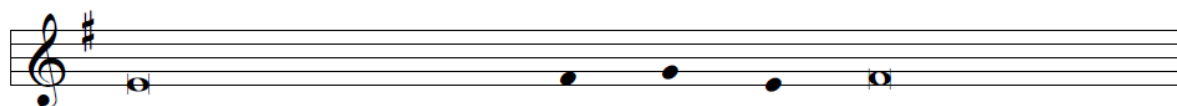
L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



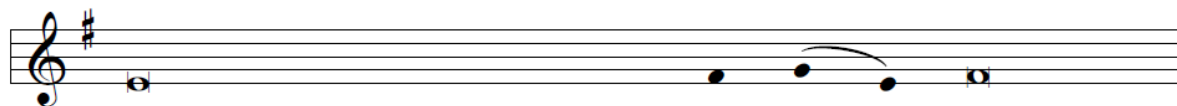
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



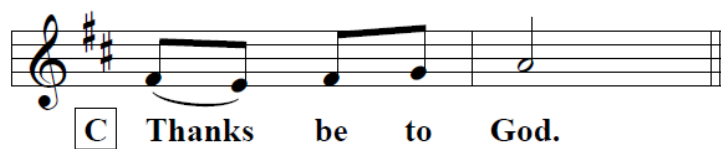
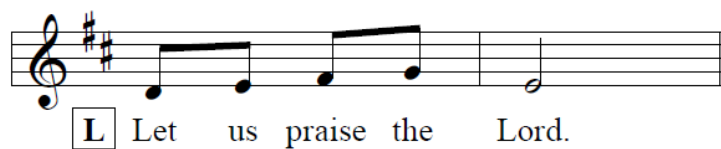
fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in



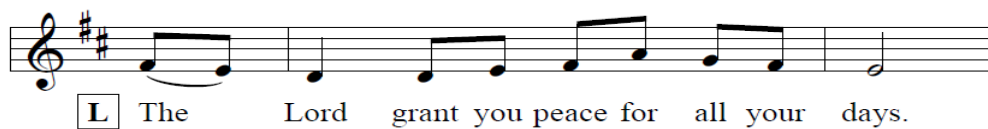
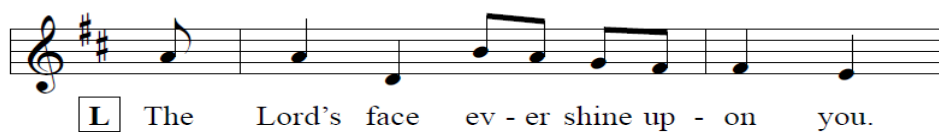
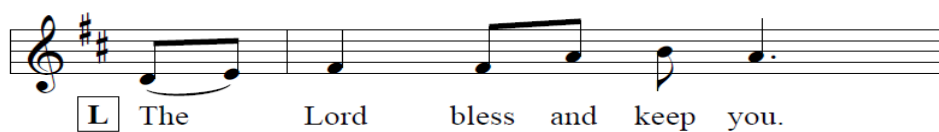
all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



BLESSING



CLOSE OF SERVICE

322

On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.



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THANK YOU— We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped with and/or donated to Vacation Bible School. This year was another big success. Thank you again.

CARDS FOR BARB FITZGIBBON: If you would like to brighten Barb's day by sharing a card or a note with her, she is staying with her daughter while under Hospice care. Please send your card or note to:

Barb Fitzgibbon
c/o Joan Fitzgibbon
3574 Windwheel Pte. Dr.
Pinckney, MI 48169

ZION ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

The church now has a limited number of assisted listening devices available for those who require it. The devices have a single ear clip style headphone or an inductive neck loop for compatible hearing aids. If you would prefer, you can also use your own headphones with a 3.5mm plug. Simply plug in the headphones, turn on the device and adjust the volume to a comfortable level. If you would like to use one of these devices, please see an usher for assistance.



Mark your Calendars:

Voter's Meeting
Sunday, July 30
10:30 a.m.

CALL MEETING
Sunday, July 30
12:30 p.m.

MONROE COUNTY FAIR: St. Paul is looking for County Fair booth volunteers for the week of the fair, July 30 to August 5. Pastor Fager from St. Paul's is organizing a schedule with daily time slots available (10am-2pm, 2pm-6pm, and 6pm-10pm). Volunteers will hand out suckers, play a simple game with children, and hand out information about St. Paul's VBS and Zion's school. Text/call Pastor Fager directly to find out about available times (734) 790-1294.

WELS CHURCH LOCATOR: Will you be going on vacation this summer? Will you be gone on a Sunday? There are plenty of WELS churches that would love to have you come and visit. Just go to the WELS website (WELS.net) and click on the link for Church Locator (at the top of the page) or just use the code below.



Capital Campaign Update:

Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the capital campaign through the last 16 months. Since the start of the capital campaign we have been able to install a new security system and update the furniture in the west foyer. And these two are just the beginning!

At the April 2023 Voters Meeting, a decision was made to seek additional construction bids to renovate the bathrooms across from the Pastors' Offices and make them ADA handicap accessible. This project is extensive and will include a renovation to the entire bathroom area. Zion is working with the contracted architect to secure additional bids.

This is just one project that is planned to help keep our wonderful facility operating reliably now and long into the future. Future projects include a church and school generator, work to the tunnel below church to help with draining, and more.

Please consider a donation to the Capital Campaign so we can fund this bathroom project once the bids are secured and then continue to look at additional projects.

Sincerely,

The Board of Stewardship

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has started a "Zion's Meal Train". The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We are organizing an opportunity to donate meals for situations including surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638.

HVL NEWS: International Host Families Needed - HVL's International Program is a unique ministry that allows us to share Jesus with young people all over the world. We thank our host families this year who have opened their hearts and homes to help with this ministry. We are now placing students with host families for the 2023-24 school year and need more host families. Host families are asked to provide meals, transportation to/from school, and a room/bed. The international student's natural family provides for all other needs (spending money, clothes, entertainment, etc.) Host families receive a stipend each year to host an international student. Families host the student from late August until the beginning of June. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact HVL at your earliest convenience.

WELS CONVENTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MLS will be hosting the 2023 WELS Synod Convention from Monday, July 31st to Thursday, August 3rd. In order to carry out all of the jobs necessary for the convention, we are asking for volunteers to assist with various tasks. If you are interested in helping you can visit our website (www.mlsem.org) for more information about what help is needed and how to volunteer or, if needed, you can call the Administrative Office (989-793-1010).

The convention is a great opportunity for many WELS members to see the MLS campus for the first time. It's also a chance for others to see MLS and see why MLS faculty, staff, and graduates are so proud of it. We would like to do our best as hosts for the convention. It's also a way in which we can serve our Lord and continue the mission of our synod. Please consider volunteering.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Open Forum
 11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Luncheon
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Call Meeting

Summer Volunteers

	July 2 Aug. 6	July 9 Aug. 13	July 16 Aug. 20	July 23 Aug. 27	July 30
Altar Guild	June – Helen Heusman & Lorrie Koenig		July – Ruth Ann Peters & Barb Friar		August – Gail Heusman, Hanna & Kayla Liechty
Live Stream Helpers	Rob Krueger	Need Volunteer	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	
Ushers	<u>July 2</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner <u>Aug. 6</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>July 9</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf Joe Schmeling <u>Aug. 13</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf Joe Schmeling	<u>July 16</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>Aug. 20</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny	<u>July 23</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas <u>Aug. 27</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas	<u>July 30</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Dave Bengé Matt Hill
Communion Helpers	<u>August 2 & 6</u> Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier		<u>July 16</u> Jeremy Robinson Alan Bober <u>August 16</u> Ken Vagt <u>August 20</u> Jeff Heusman Jake Burke		

Zion Lutheran Church

Annual Camp-out at



Friday, August 4th – Sunday, August 6th

**Camping is FREE! If you want to camp please sign up
in the west foyer by July 16th.**

**If you are not a camper please come Saturday for food,
fellowship, swimming, fishing, or just relaxing at the beach!**

**A pot-luck supper is planned for Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
at the large pavilion. Service and Fellowship will provide the
Brats, hot dogs and table service. We ask that
campers / visitors bring a dish to pass. A short
church service will follow the supper.**