



God Gives Us The Proper Tools

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6 & 10, 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: Through contrition and repentance the Christian's body and mind are renewed for service in God's kingdom. This is our spiritual worship.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 509*

"How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts"

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509 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts



1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts And
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light That
3 The star - ry heav'ns your rule o - bey; The
4 But still your law and gos - pel, Lord, Have
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; How



guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O Lord, the
guides us all the day, And through the dan - gers
earth main - tains its place; And these your ser - vants
les - sons more di - vine; Not earth stands firm - er
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly Book will



truth im - parts To keep the con - science clean.
of the night A lamp to lead our way.
night and day Your skill and pow'r ex - press.
than your Word Nor stars so no - bly shine.
guide our youth And well sup - port our age.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

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.

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, on wings of an
 made - you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,

he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SONG: (Sunday Only by Zion School PreK-8th grade)

“For It Is By Grace”

THE WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace. ¹⁶ Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O LORD God of Armies. ¹⁷ I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on? ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless. (EHV)

Refrain



Psalm tone



I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

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

²¹ From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.” ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.” ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul? (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 508

“Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd”

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Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are
2 Ten - der Shep-herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them
3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with
4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them
go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,
heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them
chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through. Gent - ly tend and
May they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,
Al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your
Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.
thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.
yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.
saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. ¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (EHV)

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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.**

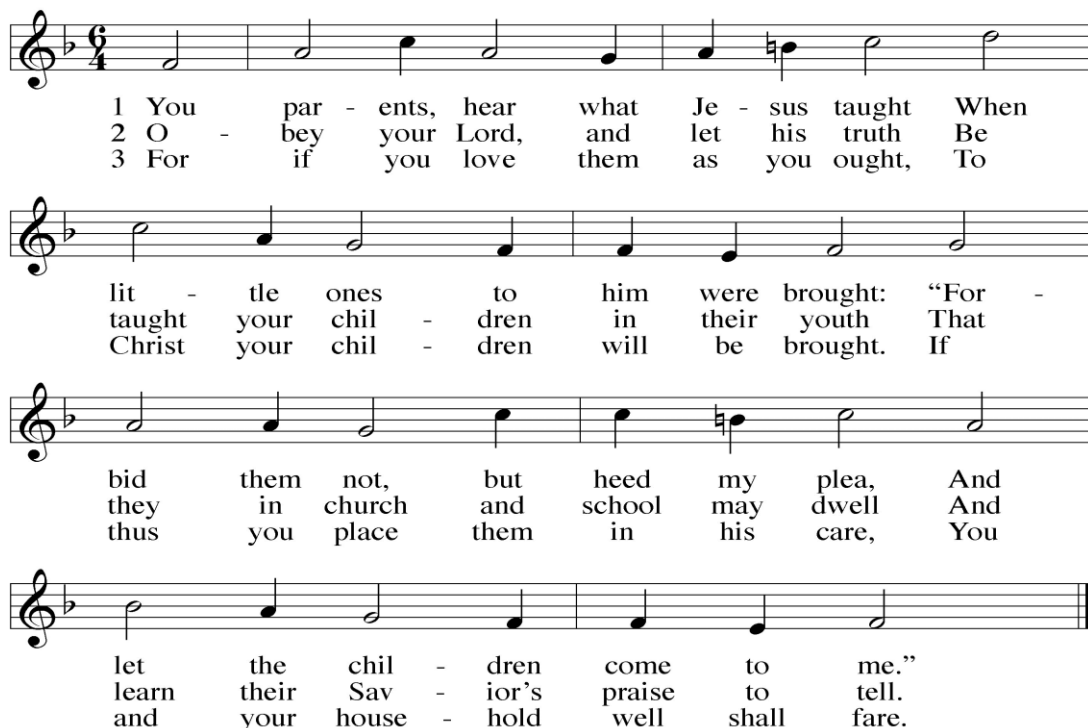
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

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1 You - par - ents, hear what Je - sus taught When
 2 O - bey your Lord, and let his truth Be
 3 For if you love them as you ought, To

lit - tle ones to him were brought: “For -
 taught your chil - dren in their youth That
 Christ your chil - dren will be brought. If

bid them not, but heed school my plea, And
 they in church and them in his dwell And
 thus you place them in his care, You

let the chil - dren come to me.”
 learn their Sav - ior’s praise to tell.
 and your house - hold well shall fare.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98, abr.; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

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.

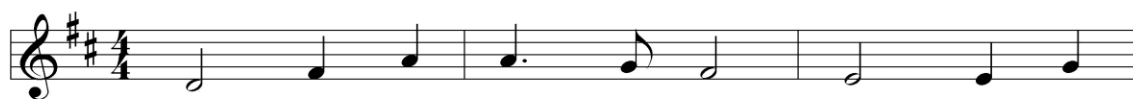


C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are our ho - ly Lord, Christ, the in -
 3 You are our great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 Oh, ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd
 5 So now and till we die Sound we your



love and truth Through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri -
 car - nate Word, Heal - er of strife. You did your -
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing; In - fants and



um - phant King, We come your name to sing
 self a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on you in vain;
 Christ of God, By your en - dur - ing Word
 all the throng Who to your Church be - long



And here our chil - dren bring To join your praise.
 You might thus save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain: Help from a - bove!
 Lead us where you have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.
 Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872, alt.



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CALL MEETING—Pastor Stephen Meyer has decided to return the call to Zion. Please look for upcoming information on the next call meeting.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Adult Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m. The class will meet in the East Foyer by the Mother's Room until the renovations are done.

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.

MUM SALE: The Zion Christian Education Association is again holding a fall mum sale. Proceeds to benefit the school through CEA activities and purchases. The mums are again coming from Parrans. Last year's mum plants were spectacular! There are envelopes in the West Foyer if you want to purchase mums or want to share it with a friend or family member. All orders must be turned in by **Sunday, September 17th**. Mums will be available for pick-up at Zion on Tuesday, September 26. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Freiny.

PINEWOOD DERBY: It is that time of year again — Pinewood Derby Day. This year the derby is going to take place on **Sunday, September 10** at noon. The last workshop day is on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. Remember the derby is open to young and old whether a church member or Zion School family. The more participants the more fun for all.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: We will be having a workshop on **Saturday, September 16th from 2 to 5:00 p.m.** to freshen up our floral arrangements for the sanctuary. Many hands help make the work quicker and the fellowship even more enjoyable. Everyone is welcome to come and help. If you are not able to come and help, donations towards this effort can be put in the Wooden Church donation box in the West Foyer.

Save the Date: Zion's Chili and Soup Cook-Off on October 14th at 4:30 p.m. sponsored by the Board of Service and Fellowship. This is for participants who want to share their best Chili or Soup for judging. Or bring your appetite and judge the entries - - \$5.00 admission per person. Proceeds to benefit Zion's students/teachers a more powerful and versatile portable learning management system due to a stay-at-home absence by purchasing some laptops/note books. **Add this date to your calendars for some good eats and lots of fun!**

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.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Greetings Members of Zion!

Through the first half of 2023 Zion has experienced a financial shortfall of \$74,426.71. This shortfall is considerably higher than the shortfall last year at this time (halfway through 2022) which was \$21,255.58. Zion has two distinct types of funds. The first is “Unrestricted” and is for general use, payroll, budgetary items, etc. The other is “Restricted”. These funds are for a specific use. The capital campaign is a good example of a “Restricted Fund”. Please see the box below for more detailed information.

Balance Sheet	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
Unrestricted	\$265,513.32	\$283,401.72	\$280,808.72	\$233,286.12	\$209,382.01
Restricted	\$334,979.50	\$342,242.45	\$412,263.99	\$407,650.47	\$393,229.72

As you can see, the amount of Unrestricted funds continues to decrease as those funds are used for general operating expenses. The increase in restricted funds is mainly due to donations to the capital campaign and at the July 30, 2023 Voter’s meeting the Voters approved up to \$123,750 for a major bathroom remodel of the bathrooms across from Pastors’ offices. The Capital Campaign will remain ongoing for other needed renovations. Thank you for your continued support Zion!

Thank you,
Board of Stewardship

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.



Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class Resume
 Noon Pinewood Derby Weigh-in
 1:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby Race Begins

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Zion Lutheran Soccer games vs. Jenera and Adrian in Jenera

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Ministry Worship Service

September Volunteers

	Aug. 30 & Sept. 3	Sept. 6 & 10	Sept. 13 & 17	Sept. 20 & 24	Sept. 27 & Oct. 1
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman &	Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth
Ushers	<u>Aug. 30</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Sept. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Sept. 6</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Sept. 10</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>Sept. 13</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner <u>Sept. 17</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	<u>Sept. 20</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>Sept. 24</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux	<u>Sept. 27</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux <u>Oct. 1</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	<u>Aug. 30</u> Alan Bober <u>Sept. 3</u> Rob Krueger Mark Kipf		<u>Sept. 13</u> Ken Vagt <u>Sept. 17</u> Mark Fuerstenberg Jeremy Robinson		<u>Sept. 27</u> Alan Bober <u>Oct. 1</u> Jake Burke Steve Sordahl



Zion's Chili/Soup 2nd Cook-Off
October 14th 4:30 p.m.
Calling Chili/Soup Lovers!
Come to compete or to eat.

Bring your pot o' chili/soup and your appetite
to see who has the best chili/soup around!

Rather eat than cook? Grab a spoon and
judge who will be the winner!

Admission \$5.00 - - with proceeds to benefit
Student Ipads for homework assignments

Chili/Soup Cook-Off Entries:

- Each entry can be created by an INDIVIDUAL, or by a TEAM.
- Each entry must be fully cooked, hot and delivered in a 5-8 quart crockpot.
- Blind, anonymous judging to be done by all attendees.
- Sign-up sheet in west foyer of church.

Chili/Soup Cook-Off Official Rules:

- Grab a Scorecard and Pen.

Round 1: Taste Test only! (sign-up in west foyer)

- Begin sampling chili/soup by just taking enough to taste. There will be time to come back for more later!
- Each chili/soup is identified by either a number or letter. Taste each chili/soup and score according to the instructions located on the scorecard.
- Once all the chilis/soups have been tasted and scored, submit your voting ballot in the designated area.

Round 2: DIG IN!

- Grab a big bowl of chili/soup and wait to find out who is the winner of the cook-off!

Prizes will be awarded.