



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 23 & 27,

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: The gospel of Christ calls people of every nation into the communion of saints.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

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OPENING HYMN: *CW* 528

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

CHURCH

528

Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
plorc, And may that grace, once giv'n, Bc with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



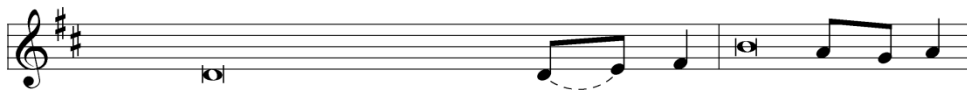
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

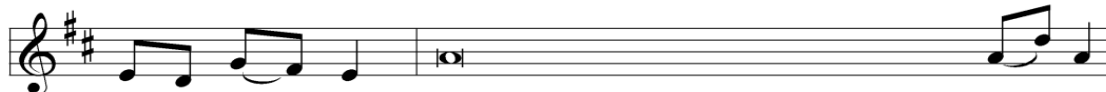


M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
(Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
(Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
(Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
(Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
(Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
(General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

BE SEATED



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



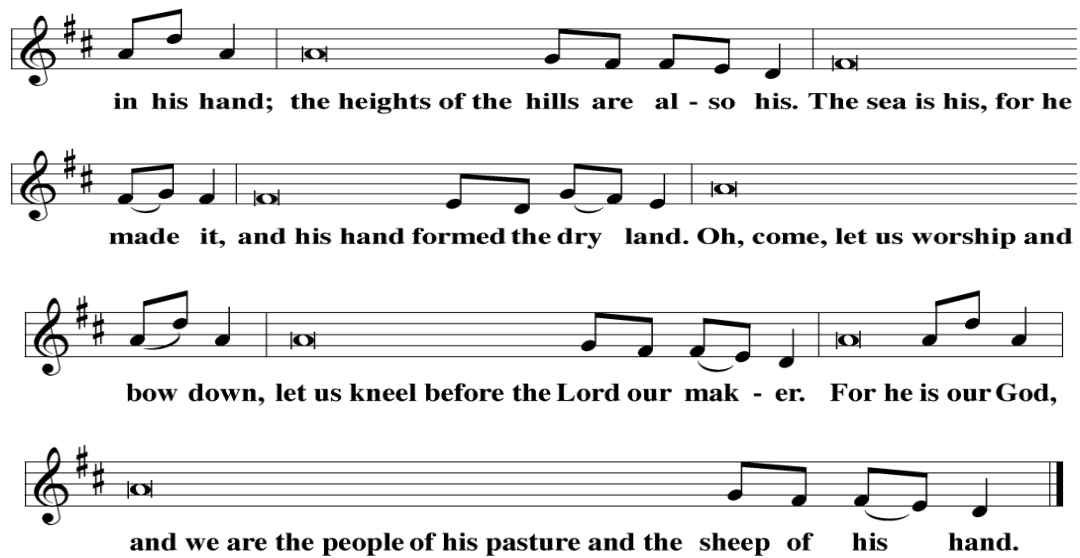
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

56 This is what the Lord says. Protect justice, and carry out righteousness, because my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

⁶ Then the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him and to love the name of the Lord and to become his servants, every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—⁷ I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the people of the world. ⁸ This is the declaration of God the Lord, who gathers Israel's dispersed people: "I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered." (EHV)

Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵ when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶ And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. ¹⁷ He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. ²⁰ You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (EHV)

HYMN: *CW* 538

“The Church’s One Foundation”

CHURCH

538

The Church’s One Foundation



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav’n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?” And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 hope she press - es, With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.
 Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

²¹ Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!" ²³ But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs." ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour. (EHV)

Yes. . . But. . .

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.**

CHURCH

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In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name Who
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What-
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In



him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 him we all are one. He loves us as his
 died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in his dear Son.
 hate, and blame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as his child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, st. 1, 4-5; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2; Michael Perry, b. 1942, st. 3.
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 Tune: McKEE (CM) African-American spiritual, adapt.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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 of the Day

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: *CW 521*

(To the tune of CW 498)

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev’ry race,
And in each person help me view My kindred, loved, redeemed by you.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide Your children, Lord, on ev’ry side.
My neighbors’ good let me pursue; Bind them to me and all to you.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.
- 4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
And should I be a victim, too, Help me forgive, rememb’ring you.
- 5 With your own love may I be filled And by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate’er I do, May be divinely touched by you.



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CALL MEETING— Zion Voters meet and extended a call to Pastor Stephen Meyer. He is currently serving a congregation in Rochester, MN. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents.

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

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. There are two workshop days for anyone who needs tools and a place to work on their car. Workshop days are Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. and 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 in September to freshen up our floral arrangements for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate towards this effort, please put your donations in the Wooden Church donation box in the West Foyer. There will be more information forthcoming.

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: New Name - Same Mission: Huron Valley Lutheran HS is now Hope Christian Academy offering Christ-centered education for grades 6-12. For quite some time, however, we will be utilizing both names as we transition to the new name. Please continue to use the name HVL when writing checks or sending donations. Once all the legal documents have been switched to the new name, we will make an announcement to begin using HCA for all purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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.



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.



Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Zion School Begins
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
 Friday Office Closed – Labor Day
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
 Monday Office Closed – Labor Day

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 Bengel Matt Hill