



Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12
“By Faith . . .”

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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 Christian life is a constant looking ahead. What the eyes cannot see is what the heart of faith accepts when promised by God. Abraham serves as a wonderful Old Testament example and he is praised for it in the New Testament. Christ describes the faithful servant who looks ahead and is ready for the Master's return.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 406*

"This is the Threefold Truth"

FAITH

406

This Is the Threefold Truth



1 This is the three - fold truth on which our
2 Made sa - cred by long use, new - mint - ed
3 On our this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or
5 This is the three - fold truth which, if we



faith de - pends; And with this joy - ful
for our time, Our lit - ur - gies sum
side by side, We take the bread and
grief as - sails, Our Chris - tian faith and
hold it fast, Chang - es the world and



cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:
up the hope we have in him:
wine, take him, the Cru - ci - fied:
love, and on - ly grace a - vails:
us and brings us home at last:

Refrain



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

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Tune: ACCLAMATIONS (12 12 12) Jack Schrader, b. 1942. © 1980 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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

Genesis 15:1-6

15 After these events the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”² Abram said, “Lord God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”⁴ Just then, the word of the Lord came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.”⁵ The Lord then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.”⁶ Abram believed in the Lord, and the Lord credited it to him as righteousness. (EHV)

³² Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. ³⁶ Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ Even if he comes in the second or third watch,_[a] they will be blessed if he finds them alert. ³⁹ But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.” (EHV)

HYMN: CW 402

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

FAITH

402

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
 faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
 round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
 died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
 turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
 Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.
 Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

11 Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ² For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture. ³ By faith we know that the universe was created by God’s word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹² And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore. (EHV)

“By Faith...”

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,
 Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
 heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful 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

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give us more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and meditation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any 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: 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 401 (v. 1&5)

“Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

JUSTIFICATION

401 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone

ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds; not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins; that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -

is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a - lone For

sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
 Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.



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THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning on holding the Fellowship Luncheons again this year. They already have speakers lined up to present for September and October. If you would like to present for one of the Luncheons please contact Mark Fuerstenberg at 734-654-3736

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion, 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. Information on long term planning and estate planning will be shared. More information is coming soon! It will take place after worship service in place of Bible Class.

Thank you from the Board of Stewardship.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in April 2023. We have a specialist from synod to 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.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION – Students going into 7th & 8th grades who want to start catechism classes are eligible for **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**. It will be a weekly two-year course. Parents should contact either Pastor Sitzman (734) 309-7877 or Pastor Ulrich at (734) 240-3888 and we will schedule a time and day which works for all. **THANK YOU.**

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC)

Our Fruits of Faith

At worship last week: + = ;

Offerings for week ending 8/20/22: General - \$

Missions - \$

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

	June 5 July 3 Aug. 7	June 12 July 10 Aug. 14	June 19 July 17 Aug. 21	June 26 July 24 Aug. 28	July 31 Sept. 4
ALTAR GUILD	June – Helen Heusman & Lorrie Koenig		July – Ruth Ann Peters & Barb Friar		August – Gail Heusman, Hanna & Kayla Liechty
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	August 7 Rob Krueger	August 14 Zach McCormick	August 21 Steve Sordahl	August 28 Miller Sordahl	
COMMUNION HELPERS					
USHERS	<p style="text-align: center;">June 5 Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3 Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 7 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 12 Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 10 Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 14 Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 19 Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 17 Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 21 Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 26 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 24 Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 28 Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 31 Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 4 Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p>