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ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Last Judgement

November 19, 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 will judge the world justly.

LITURGY: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

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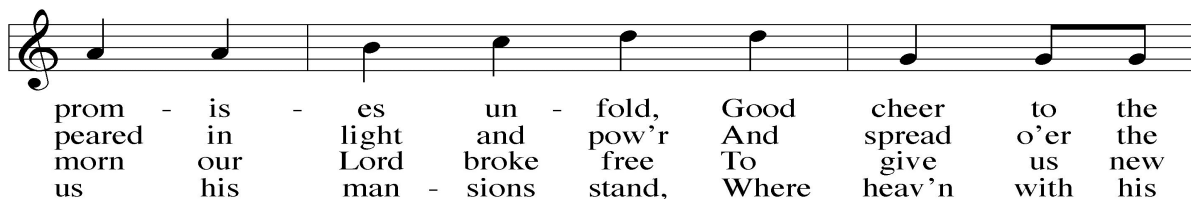
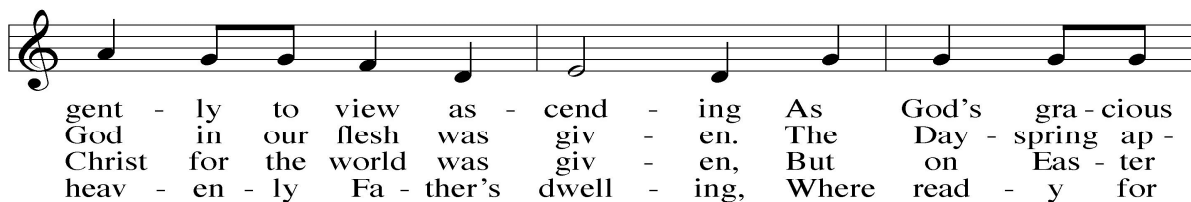
OPENING HYMN: *CW* 254

"The Day Full of Grace"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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The Day Full of Grace



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn, 15th century, abr., st. 1-2, 4; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3; tr. composite, st. 1-2, 4.
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Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842.

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgement. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY SCHOOL CHOIR – SET 1

READINGS BY MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

DEVOTION BY DAN WESTENDORF

BASED ON ROMANS 2:2-11

GOD IS THE JUDGE, NOT YOU

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY SCHOOL CHOIR – SET 2

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 441 (vs. 1-4)*
CW 207

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

TRUST

441 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon

hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
you are God, To end - less years the same.
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



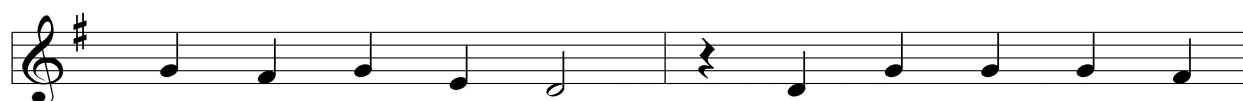
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 Your saints are waiting patiently;
 Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.



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

Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.

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VOTER'S MEETING—At the Call Meeting on Sunday, November 12th it was decided to call an Associate Pastor. We have extended a call to Pastor Kendall Cook. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best utilize his service.

Tuesday morning Bible Class: The class meets in the East Foyer from 10-11 a.m. every Tuesday unless otherwise announced. On **November 21** there will **NOT** be any Bible class.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS — We will again be decorating the church for Christmas with poinsettia plants “*in memory of*” or “*for blessings received*” from members and friends of our congregation. Your response has been overwhelming in the past. This year’s suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. There are envelopes in the west foyer for your donations. Please complete the outside of the envelope and place it, along with your donation inside, in the church/school office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, November 19th.** We know it is early to think about ordering but the greenhouse needs the numbers for plants earlier this year than in the past. Thank you in advance to everyone who adds to beautification of the sanctuary during this blessed season. A list of memorials/blessings will be in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Please call the office @ 242-1378 if you have any questions.

MLS CHOIR CONCERT FOR ZION: On Sunday, November 19th, 2023 MLS Choir will be at Zion to edify our worship service. Service & Fellowship is having a Potluck lunch for Zion and the MLS choir. The start time for the Potluck will be approximately at 11:45 a.m. Zion will be providing Mostaccioli and Lettuce Salad. Congregation Members please bring a dish to pass. We will need people to sign-up in the West Foyer so we will be able to plan on enough Mostaccioli and Salad.

TUITION FUNDS FOR ZION SCHOOL – There have been many questions recently regarding the Tuition Funds at Zion School. There are two separate funds:

- 1) “Zion Members Tuition Fund” – This is for members of Zion who send their children to Zion school but need assistance with their tuition.
- 2) “General Tuition Fund” – This is for students who attend Zion but are not members at Zion. This is to help them with the cost of attending school at Zion,

Individuals who are seeking assistance do have to apply for the help and provide information regarding why they have a need for assistance. If you would like to give to either of the funds at any time just indicate which fund on your church envelope. Thank you in advance for considering these funds.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: There are three opportunities to hear the message over the Thanksgiving holiday. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. will be the same service. There will be a different service on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you at the services.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
 11:45 a.m. Zion/MLS Potluck Luncheon

Tuesday NO Adult Bible Class
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wed.-Fri. No School due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thurs.-Fri. Office Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (same as Wed. service)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS Presents: Oklahoma!

Join us on November 11-12 for Michigan Lutheran Seminary's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!". This classic musical is full of cowboys, farmers, romance, and fearless optimism. You'll enjoy familiar songs like "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Oklahoma." Tickets go on sale October 4 at 10:00 am. Purchase tickets in advance at mlsem.org.

MLS Foundation Dinner & Auction

Save the date for the annual dinner & auction on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Great Hall in Midland! If you would like to donate an item to be auctioned off, visit our donation page at <https://bit.ly/44ZPmxK> to fill out a donation form. Watch for updates and ticket sales to open up in early November at our website: <https://mls-foundation.org/>.

NEWS FROM HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

HCA Craft & Vendor Fair, Saturday December 2. Come and get all your Christmas shopping done at our 15h Annual Holiday expo. Enjoy festive music while shopping from many different crafters and vendors. All proceeds from admission and the bake sale go directly to helping the students at HCA. We are currently accepting applications for crafters and vendors! Check out our website for more information.

November Volunteers

	Nov. 1 & 5	Nov. 8 & 12	Nov. 15 & 19	Nov. 22, 23 & 26	Nov. 29 & Dec. 3
Altar Guild			Deanna Schneck		
Live Stream Helpers	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny
Ushers	<u>Nov. 1</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger <u>Nov. 5</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>Nov. 8</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Nov. 12</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Nov. 15</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Nov. 19</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>Nov. 22</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner <u>Nov. 23</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>Nov. 26</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger	<u>Nov. 29</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger <u>Dec. 3</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	<u>Nov. 1</u> Mark Kipf <u>Nov. 5</u> Erich Freiny Rob Krueger		<u>Nov. 15</u> Ken Vagt <u>Nov. 19</u> Ray Palmatier Mark Fuerstenberg		<u>Nov. 29</u> Mark Kipf <u>Dec. 3</u> Jake Burke Alan Bober

Quarterly Update October 2023

Dear Members of Zion,

Through the first three quarters of 2023 Zion has a financial **shortfall of \$44,604.04** with a projected shortfall of approximately \$60,000 for 2023 and a **projected shortfall of \$100,000 for 2024** (considering the increase in the proposed 2024 budget)

This accounts for all revenue coming in (Church offerings, tuition, special gifts) that are not given with a specific purpose. For example, donations to the capital campaign are not reflected in the revenue because they are committed for certain expenses.

Balance Sheet	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023	9/30/2023
Unrestricted	\$283,401.72	\$280,808.72	\$233,286.12	\$209,382.01	\$236,204.68
Restricted	\$342,242.45	\$412,263.99	\$407,650.47	\$393,229.72	\$382,998.21

Zion's Council and Budget Committee work hard to keep costs down but nearly every cost Zion has is fixed in some way. We don't choose how much to pay for electricity, health insurance, we must keep our called workers compensated appropriately, and so on.

There are two distinct ways that members can help.

One is to increase offerings to the church. **For example, If each giving unit were to increase their offerings by about \$10 a week or \$40 a month, then the budget would be close to being balanced.** That is based on last year's (2022) and that 250 giving envelopes were used. Of course not every envelope gets used every week, but this would be a huge step in reaching our required budget and keeping the same staffing levels.

The other way is to give through the gift of time to help keep costs down. More on this opportunity to be shared as cost cutting ideas are created.

As always, thank you for your support of Zion Lutheran Church and School. Please continue to keep the church, school and all called staff members in your prayers.

Thank you,
Board of Stewardship

Women's Advent Tea by Candlelight



*Sunday, December 3rd
6:00 p.m.*

*Come enjoy an evening of
Christian Fellowship and
Music of the Season*

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Program begins at 6:00 p.m.
with a Luncheon and Tea*

*All women are invited
Please sign-up in the West foyer*

*Hostesses are needed!
Please call for information:
Brenda Chandonnet, 734-915-5477 or
Ruth Peters, 734-731-6983*

Suggested Donation of \$9.00



Christmas for Kids

DECEMBER 2 9AM-1PM

AGES 3-12

+ Luncheon
provided by
Friends in Faith

Drop your children off for a morning of fun while
you go Christmas shopping!

Join us for an exciting morning of games and
activities focused on God's greatest gift to us –
JESUS!

