



GOOD CHOICE!

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2 & 6, 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 priceless treasure of God's kingdom is ours through his Word.

Liturgy: Common Service

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Opening Hymn: *CW 243 (vs. 1-3)*

"Oh, Worship the King"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove;
2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py, space.
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.

Tune: HANOVER (10 10 11 11) William Croft, 1678–1727.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

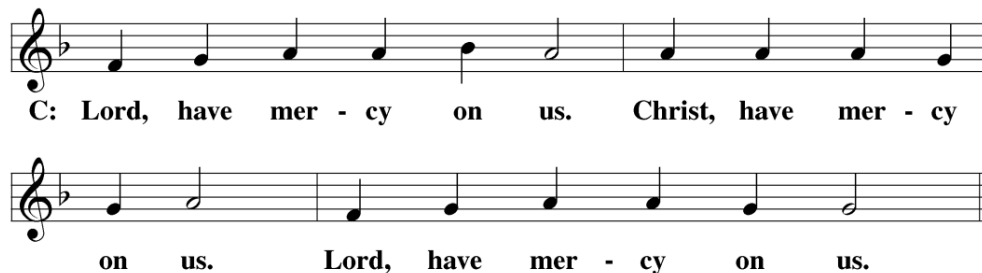


CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

Lord, Have Mercy



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be To God

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Timothy 6:17-21

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. ²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge." ²¹ By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen. (EHV)

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are

among them. ⁵⁰ And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.” ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.” (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)

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.

WORD OF GOD

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One Thing’s Needful

1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be

to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;

Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty

heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true

hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from

need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -

all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

Text: Johann H. Schröder, 1667–99, abr., adapt.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.
 Tune: EINS IST NOT (87 87 12 12 11 11) Friedrich L. C. Leyriz, 1808–59.

Sermon text and theme

1 Kings 3:5-15

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in

the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹ Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹² therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you. ¹³ In addition, I will give you what you have not asked for: such riches and honor that there will not be anyone like you among the other kings throughout all your days. ¹⁴ If you walk in my ways by keeping my statutes and commands just as your father David did, then I will give you a long life." ¹⁵ Then Solomon woke up and realized it was a dream. So Solomon went to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. He offered whole burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and he made a feast for all his officials. (EHV)

Good Choice!

CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

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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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

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

Agnus Dei



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 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *Duet*
CW 443

“O Lord, My Rock, My Redeemer”
“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

TRUST

443 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing; A
2 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
3 Did not his love and truth and pow'r Guard
4 He al - ways will with pa - tience chide; His
5 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain Nor



cheer - ful trust main - tain, For God, the source of
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did he not in
rod falls gent - ly down, And all your sins he
fal - ters nor mis - takes; All that his coun - sels



ev - 'ry - thing, Your trea - sure shall re - main.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?
casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.
did or - dain A hap - py end - ing makes.

6 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust his guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

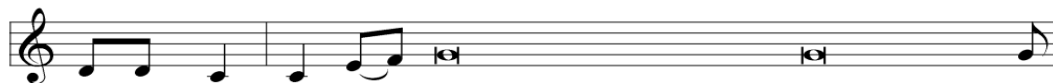
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SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

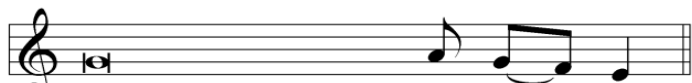


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: 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.



Closing Hymn: *CW 421* (vs. 1-3)

“All Depends on our Possessing”

TRUST

421

All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me, Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

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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.

ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: St. Paul would like to invite Zion members and friends to their Vacation Bible School. It is being held **Monday, Aug. 7 – Thursday, Aug. 10** from 6-8:00 p.m. You can go to their church website and register online.

ZION "FUN WITH FRIENDS": We want to remind everyone that Zion has its last summer playdate on **Tuesday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m. until noon** on the Zion playground. Please feel free to come and join in on the fun.

ZION BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: The end of the summer is coming soon so we wanted to remind families of the Zion Back to School Nights. Preschool Orientation is on **Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.** and the Zion School K-8 grade Back to School Night is on **Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Please come, see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy fun with fellow students and families.

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.

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.



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.

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 (IC/CC)
Monday 1:00 p.m. Principal Conference at HCA
7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fun with Friends
1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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
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		