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ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13 & 17, 2025

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: What a privilege it is to bring our prayers to the Lord God! Paul writes of how this privilege was earned for us by Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross. Abraham is the perfect example of persistence in prayer and Christ teaches us how to pray in the Gospel lesson.

In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord (Advent-the Festival of Pentecost); but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES — We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS – Bathrooms are located in the East foyer and in the school hallway off the west foyer. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

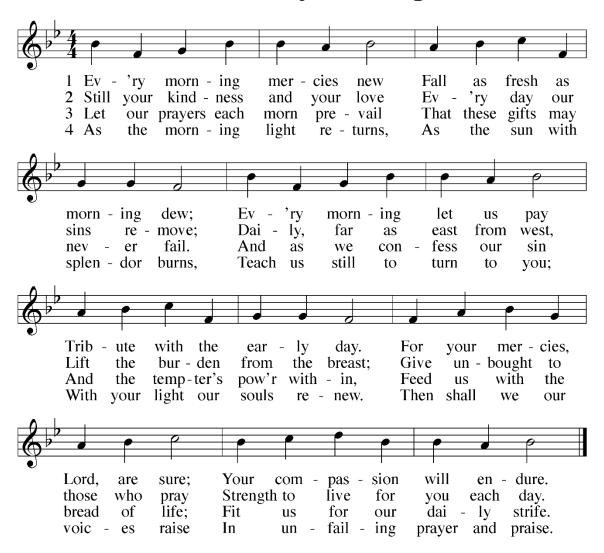
VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

OPENING HYMN: CW 580

MORNING

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Every Morning Mercies New



Text: Greville Phillimore, 1821-84, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

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 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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

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.



THE WORD

First Lesson Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ So the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹ I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know." ²² The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have

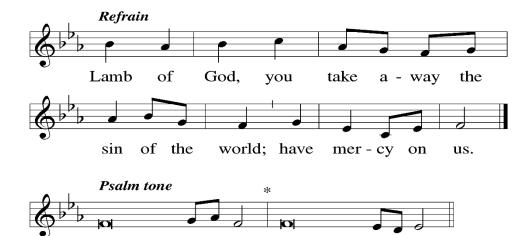
taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸ What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty." ³⁰ He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?" He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty." ³² He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten." (EHV)

PSALM 6

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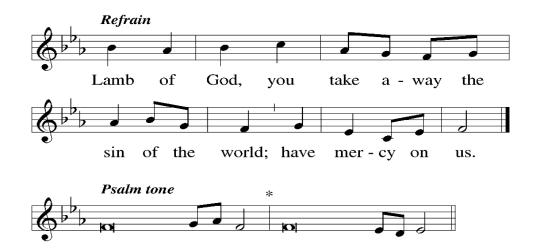
O LORD, do not rebuke me in your <u>anger*</u> or discipline me <u>in</u> your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for <u>I</u> am faint;*

O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in <u>ang</u>uish.

Turn, O LORD, and de<u>liv</u>er me;* save me because of your un<u>fail</u>ing love.

Refrain



I am worn out from <u>groaning.*</u>
My eyes grow weak with <u>sor</u>row.

Away from me, all you who do <u>e</u>vil,* for the LORD has heard my <u>weeping</u>.

The LORD has heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy;* the LORD accepts my prayer.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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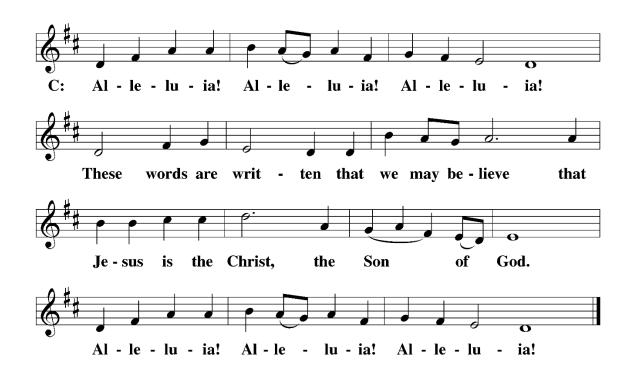
Second Lesson Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹ For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰ And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹ You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹² when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked

by the God who raised Christ from the dead. ¹³ Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴ God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

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



GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

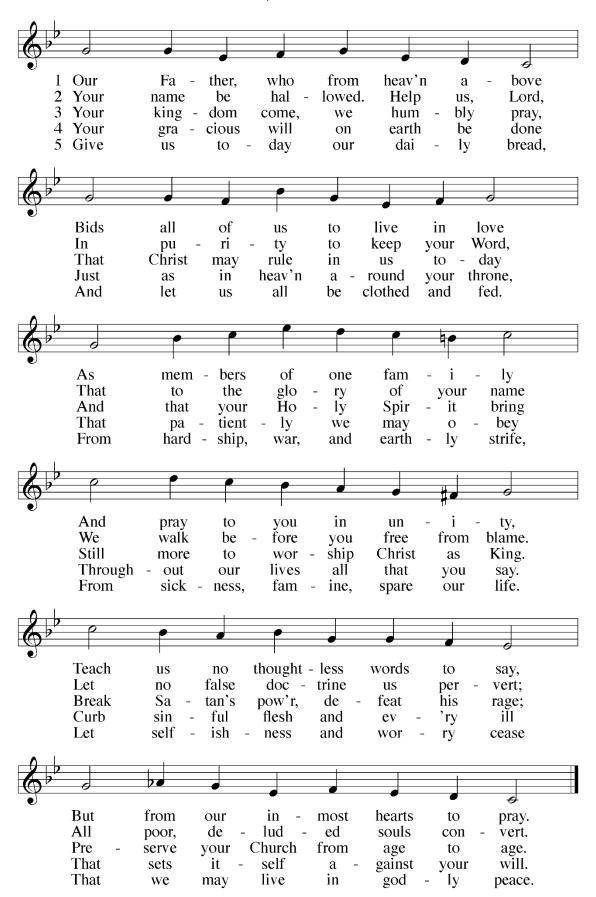
On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." ⁵He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.' ⁷And the one inside replies, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.' ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs. ⁹"I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will

find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ "What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 410 (vs. 1,2,3 & 9) "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

410 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



9 Amen, that is, it shall be so.
Make strong our faith that we may know
That we may doubt not but believe
What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your Word
We say, "Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!"

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Luke 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer is Your Prayer

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.

OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

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.

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.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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

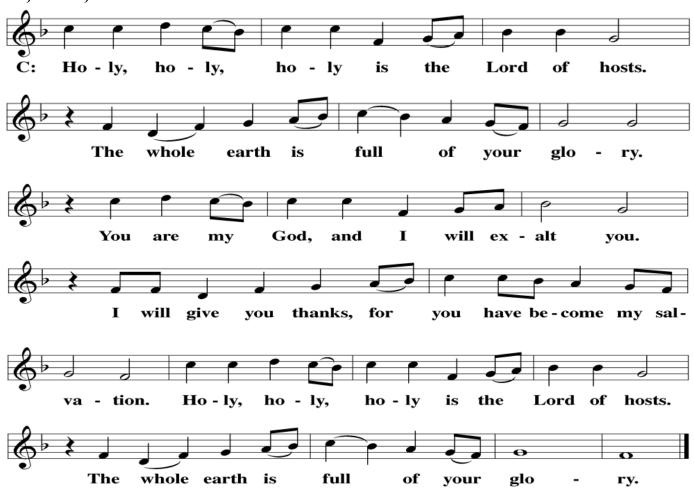


is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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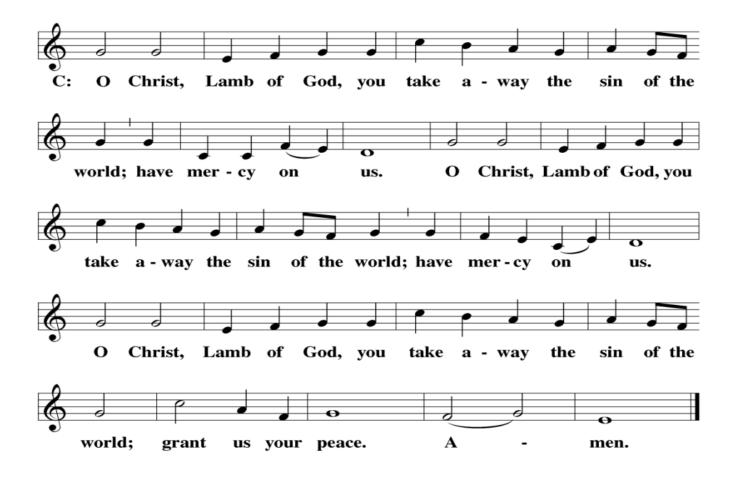
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



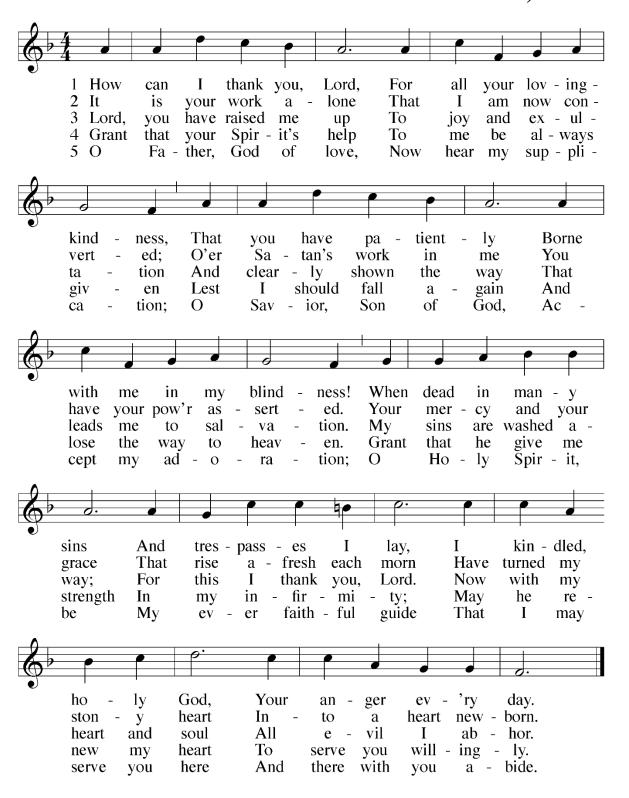
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"How Can I Thank You, Lord"
"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

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How Can I Thank You, Lord

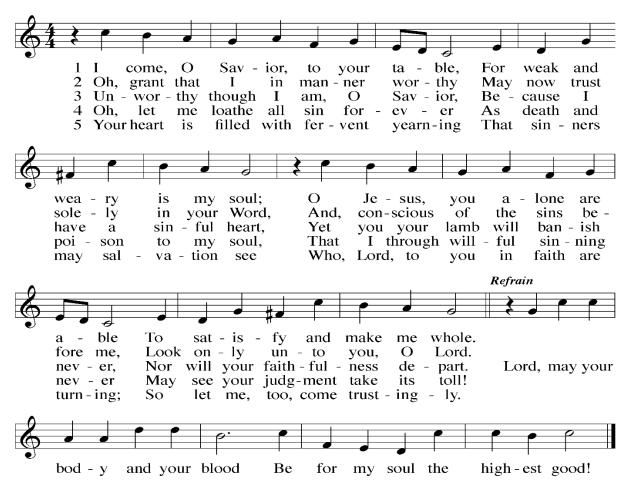


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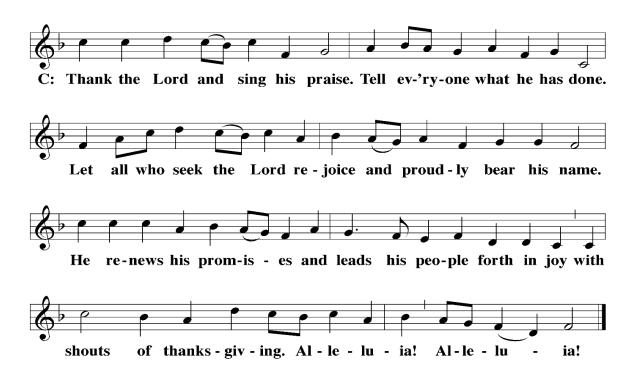
I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
 - O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

THANKSGIVING



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.



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.

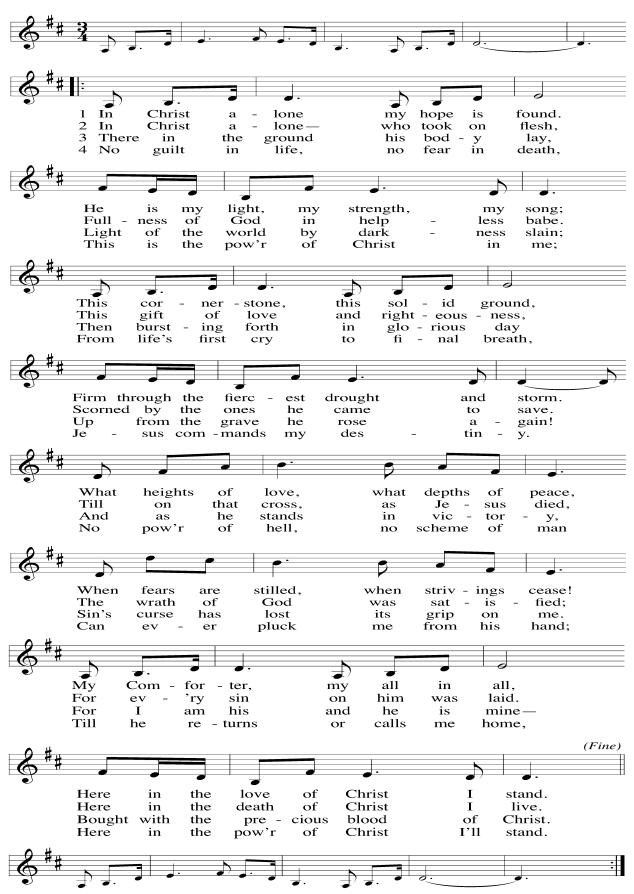
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CWS 752 (see insert)

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In Christ Alone



Officiants

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Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETING—We are working on plans for our next joint call meeting. Please watch for upcoming information. Keep Zion and St. Paul in your prayers.

WELS Women's Retreat: The WELS Women's retreat is being held at FaHoLo in Grass Lake, MI from Sept. 26-28th. Registration for the retreat is due by August 15th! Please see the back table in the sanctuary for all the details.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: As summer approaches and you are out enjoying the benefits of your harvest do you sometimes have too much produce? Are you afraid it will go bad before you can use it all? We have a solution — bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There will be a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

Pinewood Derby: Zion is having their annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, September 14th. Weigh in is at noon and the races begin at 1:00 pm. You can purchase a car kit for \$5. Please see the flyer at the back of the church for all the information and registration forms. There will be workshop days on Saturday August 23rd and September 9th from 9 am to noon at Mr. Schneck's garage. Please come and enjoy the fun day.

Zion Annual Mum Sale: Zion School is planning ahead for the annual mum sale. Mums are going to be sold for \$10.00 a pot. Order deadline is Friday, September 19th and the pickup day for the mums will be Tuesday, September 30th. The order forms are on the back table in the sanctuary.

Arts and Craft Vender Show: Zion CEA will be holding an Arts and Crafts Vendor Show on Saturday, October 11th. Any member interested in renting booth space to sell should check the back table for information and a sign-up sheet, or reach out to Stacey Sordahl (248) 345-3525; ssordahl@zionmonroe.org. Along with sellers we are looking for volunteers to help with entertainment, parking, run the Zion information booth and mark the field for vendor

space. Feel free to take flyers promoting this event to spread the word to potential shoppers! This is a great opportunity for outreach into the community. Hope to see you there!

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Zion School begins

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Church Council

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

August Volunteers

	July 30 & Aug. 3	Aug. 6 & 10	Aug. 13 & 17	Aug. 20 & 24	Aug. 27 & 31
Altar Guild		Helen Heusman	& Lorrie Koenig		
Live Stream	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth
Helpers					
Ushers	July 30 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Aug. 3 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Aug. 6 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz Aug. 10 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	Aug. 13 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Aug. 17 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Aug. 20 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier Aug. 24 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	Aug. 27 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling Aug. 31 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling
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