



**THE LORD SAYS
“WAIT FOR IT.”**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024

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 judgement of God brings rest and joy out of suffering and tears. Indeed, it is suffering that teaches us to long for the judgement of God, through which God himself will forever dry our tears. That truth will be fully experienced by us only at the final judgement. But even now in this life there are glimpses, foretastes of that rest and joy. Our gracious Lord in the midst of suffering provides peace for the soul in his Word of grace and often rescues us from temporal perils by his kind intervention.

This is the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. 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: Morning Praise

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. 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!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

PRAYER

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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.



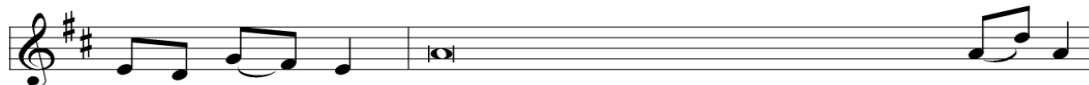
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



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.



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



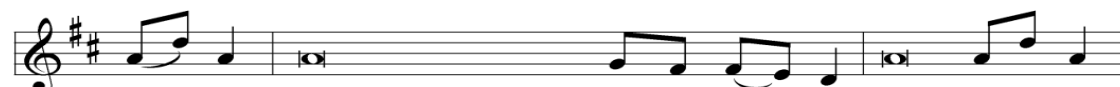
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



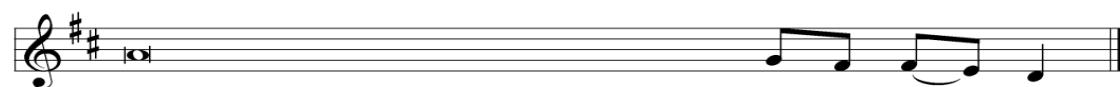
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ This is what the Lord says. Sing with joy for Jacob, and shout for the greatest of the nations. Make your praises heard and say, "Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel!" ⁸ Watch, I will bring them from a land in the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. The blind and the lame will be there, the pregnant woman together with the woman in labor. They will return as a huge community. ⁹ They will come weeping. They will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water, on a level path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel. Ephraim is my firstborn. (EHV)

PSALM 126

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When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,*
we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter,*
our tongues with songs of joy.

The LORD has done great things for us,*
and we are filled with joy.

Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the desert.*
Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,*
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with 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

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

⁵ To be sure, every high priest is chosen from the people and is appointed to represent the people in the things pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts, as well as sacrifices, for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also weak in many ways. ³ And for this reason he is obligated to offer sacrifices for his own sins, just as he does for the people. ⁴ No one takes this honor on himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take the glory of becoming a high priest on himself, but God said to him: You are my Son. Today I have begotten you. ⁶ He also said the same thing in another place: You are a priest forever, like Melchizedek. ⁷ In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, ¹⁰ because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 4:18 cf. NIV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS:

“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, a blind man, Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many told him to be quiet, but he kept shouting all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” They called the blind man, saying, “Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!” ⁵⁰ He tossed aside his outer garment, jumped up, and went to Jesus. ⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man replied, “*Rabboni*, I want to see again.” ⁵² Jesus told him, “Go. Your faith has made you well.” Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus on the road. (EHV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CWS 738

“In Hopelessness and Near Despair”

738

In Hopelessness and Near Despair



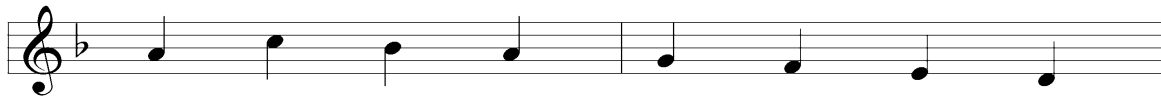
1 In hope - less - ness and near de - spair, I
 2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My
 3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -
 4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant



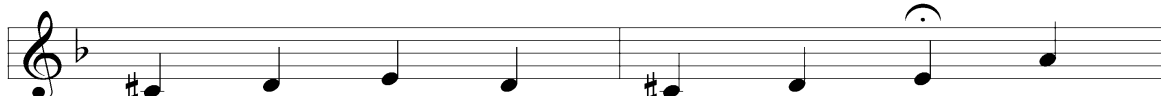
cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than
 heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the
 pec - ting re - tri - bu - tion, Yet hear no curse or
 me some time to ren - der A gift to glo - ri -



I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You
 things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now
 re - pri - mand, But grace and ab - so - lu - tion: With
 fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This



know me as I real - ly am: How
 prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see. O
 you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You
 world must know what I have learned, That



much is truth, how much is sham; Why
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who
 speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And
 you be - stow what none has earned: The



should you heed my plead - ing?
 else but you can help me?
 I am sure you love me!
 joy of full for - give - ness!

This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You."

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 Tune: NEWHOPE (87 87 887) G. A. Hennig, b. 1966 © 2006 G. A. Hennig. All rights reserved. Used by permission.


SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

¹ The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen? I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save! ³ Why do you cause me to see injustice? Why do you overlook misery? Devastation and violence confront me. There is strife, and tensions rise.

² I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me. He said: Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed. ⁴ Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

THE LORD SAYS “WAIT FOR IT.”

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



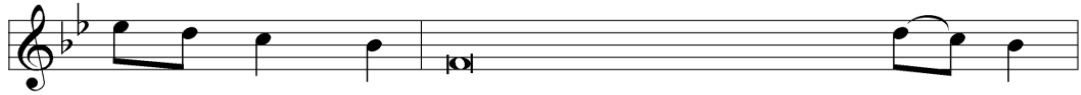
The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: A whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note F4, and a whole rest.
- Staff 2: A quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a whole rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4.
- Staff 3: A whole rest, a half note G4, a half note F4, and a whole rest.
- Staff 4: A quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a whole rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4.

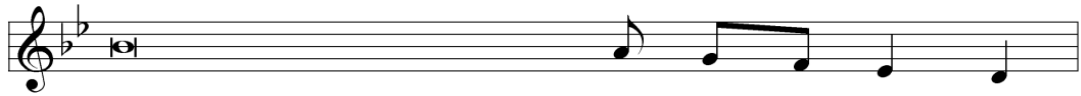
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,
Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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:



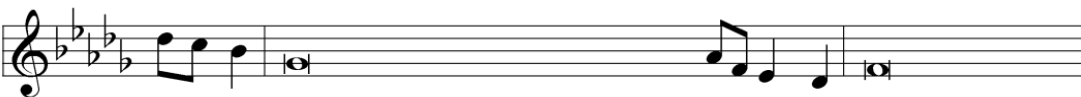
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



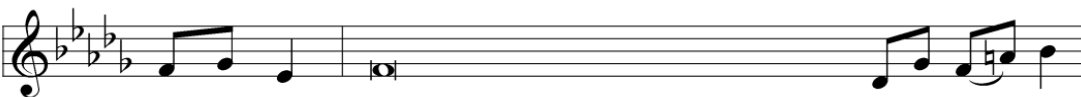
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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



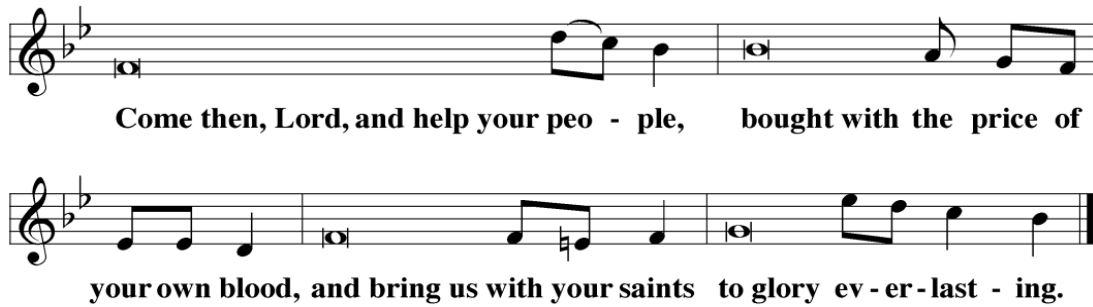
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



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.



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.*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgement on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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* 397

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.

Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816–68.

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul had a pre-call meeting on Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. It was a good meeting and now the next step in the process is to have a call meeting. The date for the call meeting is **Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. @ Zion.**

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING: Sunday, October 27th there will be an Open Forum at 10:15 a.m. instead of Adult Bible Class. Then the Quarterly Voter's meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please try to attend so we can have your input on the Budget, Nominations and other important matters of the church.

WLS FOOD BANK DRIVE: We are again supporting the WLS Food Bank. We will have a table in the west foyer for you to leave donated items. See the back table for the items they are needing for this year. The items will be taken to HCA on November 1st.

FALL HAPPENINGS WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH:

November 3rd – Christian Book Study @ 6:00 p.m.

November 24th – Fall Bake Sale after church service

There are flyers with additional information for these activities on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA: Save the Date- **December 1st, 2024.** Our annual Advent Tea is fast approaching! What is the Advent Tea all about? What does it mean to be a hostess? A meeting has been set to plan this year's Advent Tea. Please come and give us your input and ideas. **October 27th, 2:00pm at Zion.** Questions? Call Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Reformation Service with Brunch: Zion is planning a joint Reformation Worship Service with St. Paul's. The service will be held at Zion on **Sunday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School, Youth Group or Adult Bible Class. Zion will be hosting a Brunch potluck immediately after the service in the Zion gymnasium. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for how many of your family is able to attend and what dish you will bring to pass.

Poinsettia Sales: We know it is early and the seasons are changing quickly but we have to start planning for the holidays. Starting next week, we will begin selling poinsettia plants. We are able to keep the cost the same as last year which is \$11 per plant. All orders will have to be collected no later than **Sunday, November 24th.**

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Youth Group and Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Open Forum
 11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Advent Tea Discussion/Suggestions Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)

Wed.-Fri. Zion Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday No School – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Reformation Worship Service (IC/CC)
 NO Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Brunch Potluck with St. Paul's Congregation
 6:00 p.m. Friends in Faith Christian Book Study

October Volunteers

	Oct. 2 & 6	Oct. 9 & 13	Oct. 16 & 20	Oct. 23 & 27	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3
Altar Guild		Helen Heusman	& Lorrie Koenig		
Live Stream Helpers	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl
Ushers	<u>Oct. 2</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Oct. 6</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Oct. 9</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner <u>Oct. 13</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	<u>Oct. 16</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Oct. 20</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<u>Oct. 23</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Oct. 27</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>Oct. 30</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Nov. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson
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