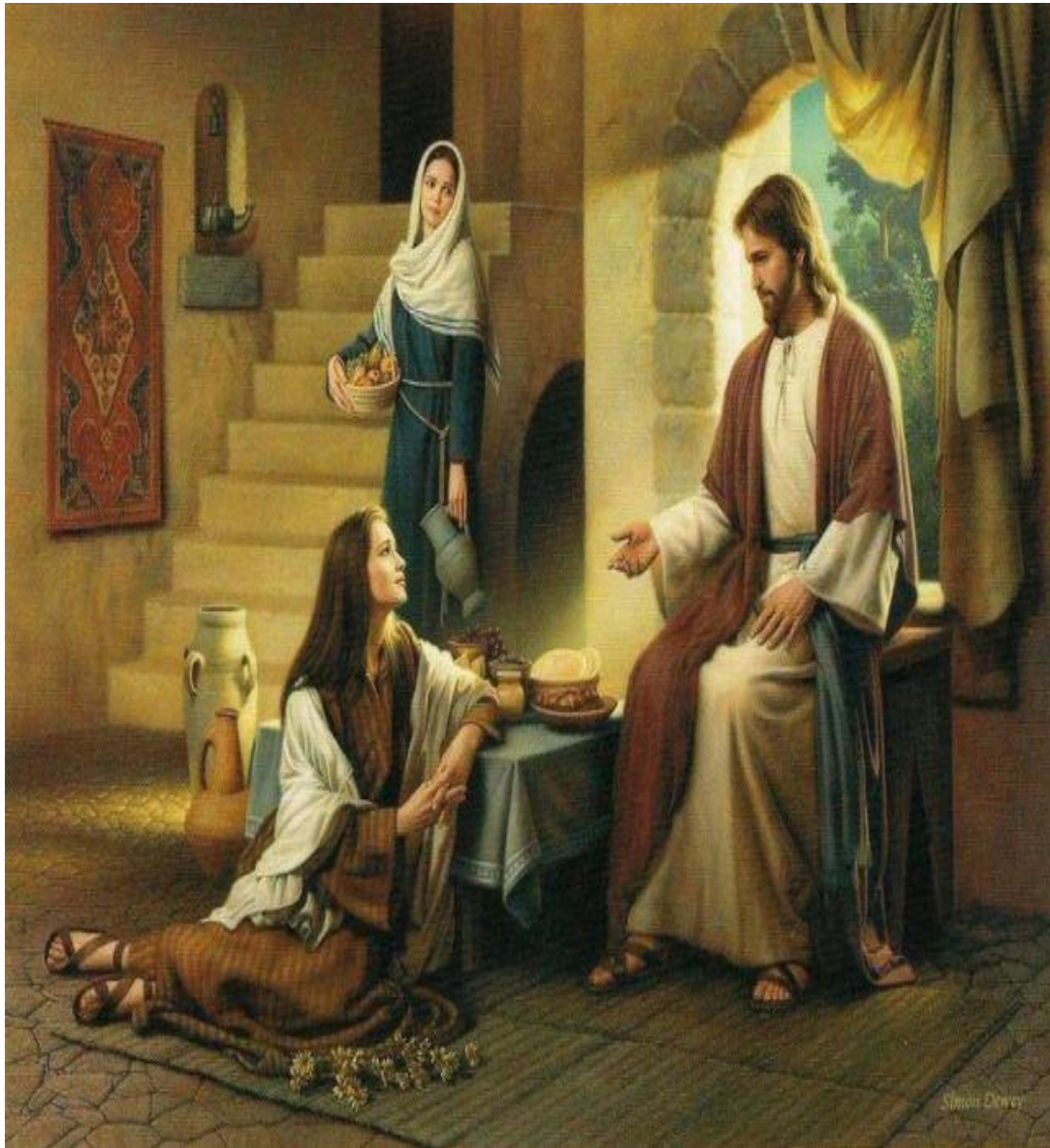


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ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 6 & 10, 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: Labor for the Lord begins with sitting at his feet and listening to his Word. With hearts full of faith Abraham and Mary listened to what their God had to say, and considered this activity great service. Likewise Paul considered the simple presentation of God's Word to be his greatest ministry.

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

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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!

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Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-14

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. ⁵ Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant." They said, "Yes, do as you have said." ⁶ Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" He said, "She is over there in the tent." ¹⁰ One of the men said, "I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son." Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for child-bearing. ¹² Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the set time next year, I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son." (EHV)

Psalm 119a

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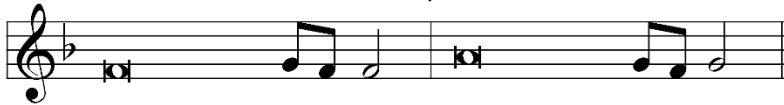
The children of God “seek him with all their heart” by hearing and obeying his Word.

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,*
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes*
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts*
that are to be fully obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were steadfast*
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame*
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart*
as I learn your righteous laws.

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

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:21-29

²¹ At one time, you were alienated from God and hostile in your thinking as expressed through your evil deeds. ²² But now Christ reconciled you in his body of flesh through death, in order to present you holy, blameless, and faultless before him— ²³ if you continue steadfast and firm in faith, without being moved away from the hope of the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I became a minister of the church for your benefit when God gave me the task of fully proclaiming the word of God, ²⁶ namely, the mystery that was hidden for past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ God wanted to make known to them what is the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles—this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim him as we admonish and teach everyone with all wisdom, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹ This is the goal I am laboring to reach, striving with his strength, which is powerfully at work in me. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

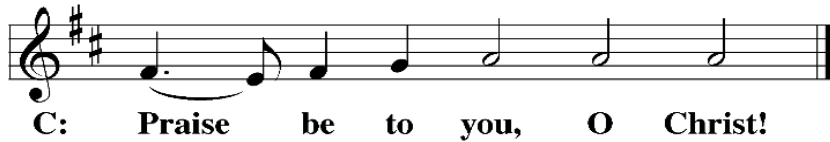
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me." ⁴¹ The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about

many things, ⁴²but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her.” (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 290
WORD OF GOD

“One Thing’s Needful”

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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.

Only One Thing Is Needed

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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'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.

WORD OF GOD

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God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
 3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the



chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
 last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
 hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing



God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and
 With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -
 His own mes-sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is
 car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from
 na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -



king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
 Light, to earth de-scend-ing— He re - veals our God to us.
 bides, his Word un-chang-ing, God the first and God the last.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 333

CLOSE OF SERVICE

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

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Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
with your Word And thus now and here -
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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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.

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
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
	6:00 p.m. Zion Back to School Night
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	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 Helpers	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth
Ushers	<u>July 30</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Aug. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Aug. 6</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz <u>Aug. 10</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	<u>Aug. 13</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Aug. 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<u>Aug. 20</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Aug. 24</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>Aug. 27</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling <u>Aug. 31</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	<u>July 30</u> Ken Vagt <u>Aug. 3</u> Jake Burke Rob Krueger		<u>Aug. 13</u> Alan Bober <u>Aug. 17</u> Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier		