

*"Yes, everyone who exalts  
himself will be humbled, and  
whoever humbles himself will  
be exalted." - Luke 7:11*

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14 & 18, 2022

**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 Christian life is one of humility. While the world around us stresses self-promotion, the Christian knows his only boast is in the Lord. Solomon and Christ emphasize the humbleness of being a child of God, and the writer to the Hebrews reminds us to look beyond ourselves in love and sympathy toward others.

**LITURGY: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

*CW pg. 26*

**OPENING HYMN: CWS 779**

**"I Sing as I Arise Today"**

MORNING

779

**I Sing as I Arise Today**



1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I  
2 The word of God to be my speech, The  
3 The work of God to be my joy, The  
4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The  
hand of God to be my stay, The  
house of God to be my rest, The  
cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The  
shield of God to be my strength, The  
grace of God to be my song, The  
Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,  
path of God to be my way,  
praise of God to be my best,  
day and ev - er - more the same.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.  
Text (st. 3,4): Michael Schultz, b. 1963 © 2006 Michael Schultz. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

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.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### First Lesson

Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not honor yourself in a king's presence. Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,  
<sup>7</sup> because it is better to be told, "Come up here," than for you to be humiliated before a ruler whom your eyes have seen. (EHV)

### Psalm 119a

*CW pg.109*



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*

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**Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 13:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Continue to show brotherly love. <sup>2</sup> Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily. <sup>4</sup> Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. <sup>6</sup> So then we say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me? <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (EHV)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)

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!

Hymn of the Day: CW 524

“O Fount of Good, for All Your Love”

SOCIAL CONCERN

## 524 O Fount of Good, for All Your Love

1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our  
 2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par -  
 3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your  
 4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And  
 5 Your face with rev - rence and with love We

true thanks should be paid. What can we ren - der,  
 tak - ers of your grace, Whose names you will your -  
 plead - ing voice is heard; You may in them be  
 glad - ly do your will, Each oth - er's dai - ly  
 in the poor will view, And, while we min - is -

Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?  
 self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther's face,  
 clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered,  
 bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill,  
 ter to them, We do it as to you.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51; altered by Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.  
 Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. <sup>9</sup>The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup> He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back. <sup>13</sup>“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.” (EHV)

## FOLLOWING CHRIST IN SELF-DENIAL

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son’s body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have

established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It 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

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

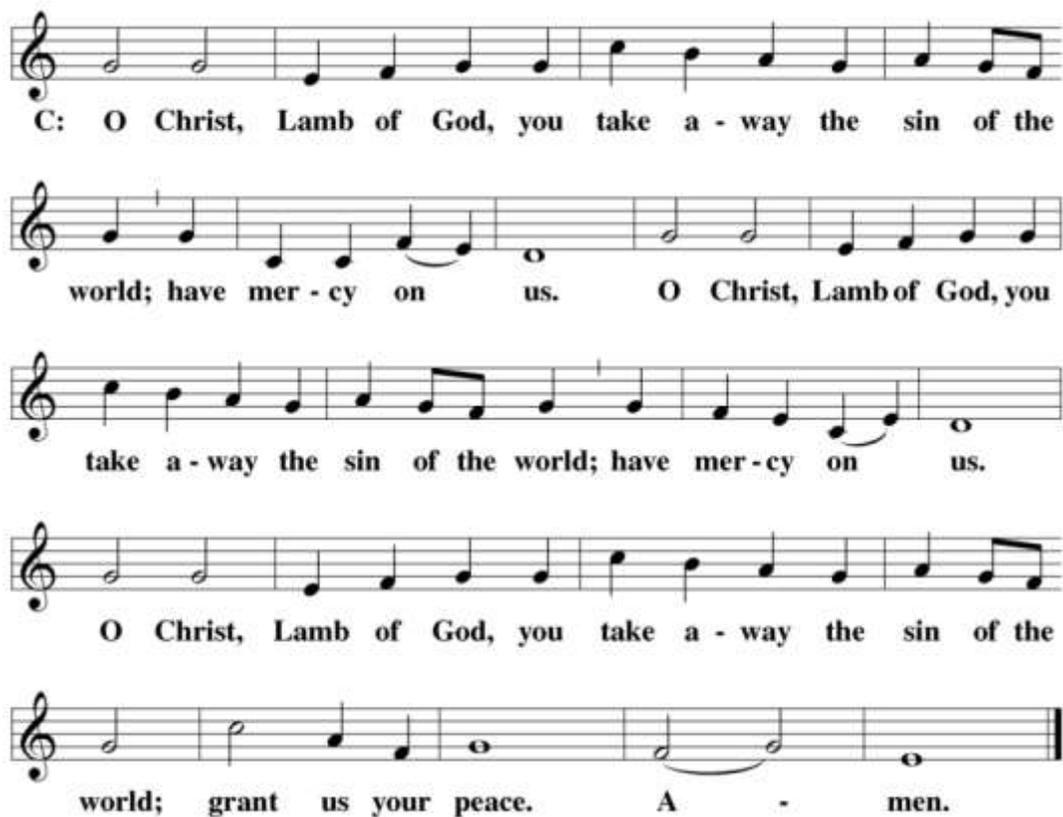
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 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.

### DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 311*  
*CW 424*

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”  
“O God, Forsake Me Not”

# 311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov - ing  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor  
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, Filled with joy most  
 5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om



gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor;  
 rev - erence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal  
 pain will mea - sure, But the price - less gifts of heav - en  
 deep and ho - ly, As with trem - bling awe and won - der  
 these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - y must be bound - less



There with joy your prais - es ren - der Un - to  
 He is knock - ing at your por - tal. O - pen  
 God to us has free - ly giv - en. Though the  
 On your might - y work I pon - der, How by  
 Since the souls it feeds are count - less, And that



him whose grace un - bound - ed Has this won - drous  
 wide the gates be - fore him, Say - ing, as you  
 wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the  
 mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, Depths that no one  
 he his blood is giv - ing With the wine we



sup - per found - ed. Though he reigns a - bove most  
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -  
 are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -



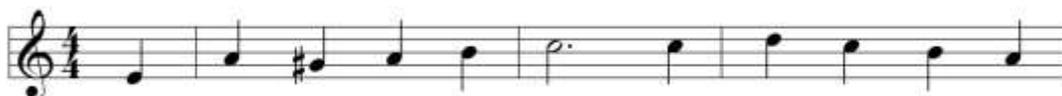
ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive you, That I nev - er more will leave you.  
 riv - en, And his blood, for you once giv - en.  
 bid - den Se - crets that with you are hid - den.  
 sound - ed Are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You have left your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forgo all joy and gladness  
 And to shed your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,  
 Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,  
 Jesus, Joy of me desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring—  
 At your feet I cry, my Maker:  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven  
 For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,  
 Let me gladly here obey you.  
 By your love I am invited;  
 Be your love with love requited.  
 By this supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace you give me  
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

## O God, Forsake Me Not



1 O God, for - sake me not! Your gra - cious pres - ence  
 2 O God, for - sake me not! Take not your Spir - it  
 3 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli -  
 4 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, I am yours for -



lend me; Lord, lead your help - less child; Your  
 from me; Do not per - mit the might Of  
 ca - tion! In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help  
 ev - er. Oh, keep me strong in faith That



Ho - ly Spir - it send me That I my course may  
 sin to o - ver - come me. In - crease my fee - ble  
 me o'er - come temp - ta - tion; And when the prince of  
 I may leave you nev - er. Grant me a bless - ed



run. Oh, be my light, my lot, My staff,  
 faith, Which you a - lone have wrought. Oh, be  
 hell My con - science seeks to blot, Be then  
 end When my good fight is fought; Help me



my rock, my shield— O God, for - sake me not!  
 my strength and pow'r— O God, for - sake me not!  
 not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!  
 in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (1) (67 67 66 66) *New Ordentlich Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1648, alt.

## 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!

### Benediction

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.

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.

COMMITMENT

462 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis



keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would  
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -  
strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -  
a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or



grant me grace To know and do his will!  
min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.



Officiants

Accompanist: Mona Vitale

Liturgist: Pastor Ross Ulrich

Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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**OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE:** In the west foyer is a table for anyone who has extra vegetables from their gardens and doesn't know what to do with the extra items. Everyone is welcome to add or take from the table. Please enjoy the bounties of the harvest.

**THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP** is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We are needing to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

**THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP** would like to thank Erich Freiny for his presentation last Sunday. We appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to be here with us. We are planning on having another Fellowship luncheon on Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker for this presentation will be Marion Yoas. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer so we can plan an accurate count for the luncheon.

**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
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Thursday	Zion Soccer Game @ St. John's, Westland
Saturday	Zion Soccer Games in Adrian verses Jenera and Adrian
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group No Adult Bible Class – Christian Estate Planning Program

**Our Fruits of Faith**

At worship last week: 32 +151 = 183;  
Offerings for week ending 9/10/22: General - \$10,848.00  
Missions - \$1,539.00

**SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

	Aug. 31 & Sept. 4	Sept. 7 & 11	Sept. 14 & 18	Sept. 21 & 25	Sept. 28 & Oct. 2
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Kathy Wozniak & Carol Eshelman		
<b>LIVE STREAM HELPERS</b>	Rob Krueger	Zach McCormick	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	Rob Krueger
<b>USHERS</b>	<u>Aug. 31</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg  <u>Sept. 4</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>Sept. 7</u>  <u>Sept. 11</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé	<u>Sept. 14 &amp; 18</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Sept. 21</u>  <u>Sept. 25</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Sept. 28</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf  <u>Oct. 2</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:** Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 25, 2022** for an informational session on Christian estate planning and tax wise Christian giving. The informational session will be conducted by Rev. Hatzung, Senior Deferred Christian giving counselor from the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving. It will take place after worship service in place of Bible Class.

# Christian Estate Planning . . .

*Is it time to review your will?*

To assist you with your estate plans, our church is sponsoring a Christian estate planning seminar.

And one part of a Christian estate plan is making sure your will is up-to-date. Come and find out why this is important.

Watch the church bulletin for details regarding this Christian estate planning seminar. Please plan to attend!

## You will be guided through questions like:

- When was the last time you reviewed your will?
- Does your will include a Christian preamble?
- Are your life insurance and retirement account beneficiary designations consistent with your will or living trust?
- Has your personal representative moved out of state?
- Have you considered an income for life agreement with the WELS Foundation, Inc.?
- Have the needs of your beneficiaries changed?
- Do you have a durable power of attorney and a living will?
- How will your family deal with these issues?
- Where do you begin? How much time will it take? How much will it all cost?

A Christian giving counselor from our synod will be here to answer your questions about developing your Christian estate plan.

You will also have an opportunity to schedule a private consultation with him to have your questions answered. This is a service offered by our synod. It is confidential, and there is no cost to you.