

WORSHIP AT THE CROSS
A JESUS CARES MINISTRY WORSHIP SERVICE



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Special Service

January 29, 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.



MINISTER: We worship at the cross because on a cross Jesus got rid of all the bad things we do.

We light the candle to remind us that Jesus is always with us.

We ring the bell to remind us that this is the time that:
we listen to his Word, sing to him, and pray to him together.

OPENING HYMN: "JESUS LOVES ME" VERSES 1 & 3

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Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, As he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me, he who died, Heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; They are weak, but he is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to me."
He has washed a - way my sin, Let this lit - tle child come in.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Note: See index for translations.

Text: Anna B. Warner, st. 1; David R. McGuire, st. 2,3. Tune and Setting: William B. Bradbury.

INVOCATION

Minister: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER

Minister: Dear heavenly Father,
 Come and be with us today. Bless our worship.
 Give us understanding as we listen to your Word.
 Give us joy as we sing to your glory and praise.
 Give us peace as we bring our prayers to you.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

We confess our sins and receive forgiveness.



Minister: Dear children of God,
Our God is holy. He does not sin.
Our God is holy. He does not want us to sin.

We are sinners.
We do what God tells us not to do.
We fail to do what God tells us to do.

Let us tell God that we have sinned with these words:
God, I have sinned.

All: God, I have sinned.

Minister: Let us tell God that we are sorry we have sinned with these words:
God, I am sorry.

All: God, I am sorry.

Minister: Jesus died on the cross for you.
Jesus' death pays for your sins.
You can be certain these words are true when you say:
Jesus died for me.

All: Jesus died for me.

Minister: Through faith in Jesus,
God forgives all your sins.
Let us tell the good news in this way:
God forgives me.

All: God forgives me.

We respond to God's forgiveness.



Minister: As forgiven children of God let us pray.

PRAYER

Minister: Dear heavenly Father,
We thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for us.
Now we know that we have forgiveness for all our sins.
Now we know that we are your people.
Now we know that we will live with you in heaven someday.

All: Amen.

HYMN: "GOD LOVES ME DEARLY" VERSES 1 & 2

God Loves Me Dearly

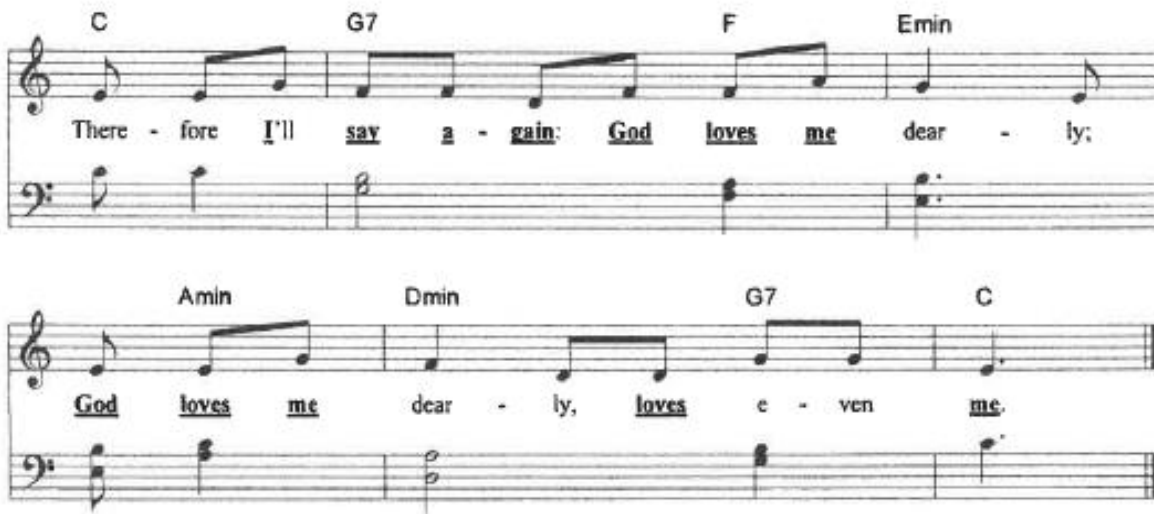
The musical score for 'God Loves Me Dearly' is presented in two systems. The first system covers the first verse, and the second system covers the second verse. Each system includes a treble and bass staff with a 3/4 time signature. Chord symbols (C, F, Emin, Amin, Dmin, G) are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined to indicate emphasis.

Verse 1:

1. God* loves me dear - ly, gives me sal - va - tion.
2. He sent forth Je - sus, that true Re - deem - er.
3. Je - sus my Sav - ior, him - self did of - fer;
4. Now I will praise you, O dear - est Sav - ior.

Verse 2:

God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
He sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
Je - sus my Sav - ior paid all I owed.
Now I will praise you all my life long.



*Sign language illustrations for the underlined words may be found in the sign language dictionary on Disk 4.

Text: August Rische; tr. composite, alt.

Tune: German folk tune.

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We hear God's Word.



DEVOTION: REVELATION 3:8 I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut.

PRAYER

We respond to God's Word.



APOSTLES' CREED

Minister: Let us respond to God's Word by telling everyone what we believe about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We tell everyone that we believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth with these words:

I believe in God the Father.

All: I believe in God the Father.

All sing: Verse 1

Father, I Adore You

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 6, with a first ending bracketed over measures 5 and 6. The second system contains measures 7 through 12. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: F, Gm, C, F, Gm, C, F, Gm, C7, F. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three verses of text provided for the first system and a single line for the second system.

1. Fa - ther, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
2. Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3. Spir - it, I a - dore you, lay my life be -

fore you. How I love you!
fore you. How I love you!
fore you. How I love you!

Text, Tune, Setting: Terrye Coelho Strom.

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Minister: We believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, 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.
We tell everyone we believe this with these words: *I believe in Jesus Christ.*

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

All sing: Verse 2

Minister: We 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.

We tell everyone that we believe this with these words:
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

All sing: Verse 3

Minister: God gives us all we have and all we need. We show that we are thankful by giving our offerings to God.

Minister: Let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord smile on you and show you his love
The Lord lead you to live in his peace as his forgiven child.



(The candle is extinguished and the bell is rung)

CLOSING HYMN: "THIS LITTLE GOSPEL LIGHT OF MINE" ALL VERSES

This Little Gospel Light of Mine

1. This lit-tle* gos-pel light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit-tle gos-pel

6 light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit-tle gos-pel light of mine,

11 I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

2. All around the neighborhood,
I'm gonna let it shine;
All around the neighborhood,
I'm gonna let it shine;
All around the neighborhood,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

3. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

The service ends.

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SECURITY UPDATE: Zion Church Council has decided that starting on **Sunday, January 8th** for security reasons they will be **locking the school door entrance at 9:10 a.m.** If you get to church after 9:10 a.m. please use the other church entrances. Thank you.

PLAYGROUP AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: Come join parents and littles, children kindergarten or younger and their parents, to come have fun. They are meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Rd. Join for snacks, play and Christian fellowship. Contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for any questions.

ZION CONGREGATION PARTICIPATION:

ART FAIR – The Zion Art Fair is planned for Sunday, March 5th. We would love items from the Zion Congregation to put in alongside the Zion School art projects. Please have all items into the Zion office by Monday, February 27. We look forward to all the beautiful artistic items. Thank you in advance for your participation.

ZION SCHOOL AUCTION – Zion is holding their bi-annual auction on Sunday, March 5th at noon. There will be live auction, silent auction, and raffle ticket items. We will also have some fun games to play before and after the auction. There will be a free will offering lunch available. If we have enough participation, we would love to have a bake sale this year – due to the pandemic at the last auction we were not able to have the bake sale.

SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP NOTE: There will be no Stewardship Experience in the upcoming months due to lack of volunteer speakers. No one has come forward to volunteer their life experiences to share with the congregation. If anyone would like to volunteer to share their life stories please contact Mel White, Mark Fuerstenberg or Ken Vagt.

PASTOR ULRICH RETIRING – Pastor Ulrich has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2023. The Board of Elders has recommendations for Zion in light of Pastor Ulrich's retirement.

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 need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

SISTERS IN CHRIST RETREAT

Registration is now open for the Sisters in Christ retreat. Please join us April 14-16, 2023, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing! We will dive into God's Word, refresh our souls, and build up our Sisters in Christ as we focus on our theme: **"My Grace is sufficient for you, because My Power is made perfect in weakness."** 2 Corinthians 12:9 The retreat is intended for women of the WELS/ELS and their guests. In addition, please visit our website www.sistersinchristretreat.org for complete details and registration information. Please note, an early bird discount is in effect through January 31, but registration will continue through February 28th. **We also have flyers in both foyers with additional information.**

PLANNING AHEAD FOR FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME: Zion Annual Killarney Camp-out is scheduled for Friday- Sunday, August 4-6th. So on that note please read the following:

Dear Zion Members,

Think spring, think May 26th.(Memorial Day Week-end), think Killarney Lutheran Camp. It's getting time to start sitting at my table and collect Booster dues! Yearly dues are still only \$40.00 and the Lifetime membership is \$400.00.

Zion continues to be the top supporter of the camp!! We have 13 Lifetime Booster memberships, what a blessing.

This year, I'm having a contest with my son Dan, who now is a member at St. Stephen's in Adrian and their Rep for Killarney. We're going to see who can get the most Boosters. In 2022, Zion had 30 and we have had the most Boosters from any church, for the last five years. Thank you very much!

Please know that even if you are a Lifetime Booster, Killarney would appreciate any donation to the camp! Many projects are being planned to make improvements to the property, the camping area, cabins, and the manager's house.

I will start collecting the second week in February and the beginning of March.

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God Bless,
Sherry Fuerstenberg
Killarney Booster Rep for Zion

HVL NEWS:

New Logo & Seal for HVL's new name: Hope Christian Academy



Hope Christian Academy is owned and operated by an association of WELS congregations

Logomark - Using the 4 C's of our educational philosophy: Christian, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication; these 4 C's are linked and centered around the cross to keep the focus on Christ. The icon also can be seen as a flower to represent the growing and blooming generations to come through Hope.

Questions, Comments, Feedback - Please contact us at 734-525-0160 or mfoley@hvlhs.org if you have any questions or would like more information about the changes taking place at HVL for next school year.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Pastor Joel Gaertner, "JESUS CARES MINISTRY"
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Quarterly Voter's Meeting featuring Annual Reports

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Feb. 1 & 5	Feb. 8 & 12	Feb. 15 & 19	Feb. 22 & 26
ALTAR GUILD		Deanna	Schneck	
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	Steve Sordahl	Rob Krueger	Need Volunteer	Miller Sordahl
USHERS	<u>Feb. 1</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>Feb. 5</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas	<u>Feb. 12</u> Joe Koch Dave Bengé Joe Schmeling	<u>Feb. 15</u> Joe Koch Dave Bengé Joe Schmeling <u>Feb. 19</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober	<u>Feb. 26</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick