



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Thanksgiving

November 24, 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.

THANKSGIVING – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise!

OPENING Hymn: CW 234 (vs. 1-3)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

234

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
do As with his love he be - friends you.
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

P: To him alone who does great wonders,

C: His love endures forever.

P: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies.

C: His love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

C: His love endures forever. (Psalm 139:1, 4, 23-24, 26)

DEVOTION:

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving. ⁸See 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. ⁹For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You 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, ¹²when 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. ¹³Even 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. ¹⁴God 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. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

John 20:21-23

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GIVE THANKS FOR...

...God's Word

Psalm 119:105

God's Word is the guide for our lives, written in black and white for us to clearly see how God would have us live. Not only that, but this Word is also the precious means by which God has revealed his perfect plan to us, the plan that sent his Son, the plan that saved us all! *God's love endures forever!*

HYMN: CW 203 (v. 1)

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

REFORMATION

203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your love endures forever and your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

...All of Creation

Genesis 1:29-31

After each day of creation, God looks at what he has made “and it was good,” with the exception of the sixth day. After this day, God saw that what he had made was “very good” in other words, not only was everything good, well-designed, and in harmony with the rest of creation...now everything that was to be created had been. *God's love endures forever!*

...Our Government and Nation

Romans 13:6-7

The government and those who hold offices there are God's own representatives. Here we see that they are in place to keep civil order by punishing those who do wrong and by rewarding those who do good things. Even when our government goes against God, since they are God's representatives they still deserve our honor and respect. *God's love endures forever!*

...Our Church Body and Congregation

Psalms 84:1-2, 10

As Christians, our hearts “yearn for the courts of the LORD.” We love to gather together with fellow believers, and especially those who hold to the Truth of God's living Word. This is why we gather together as congregations (Latin for “gathered together”) and congregations gather together as synods (Greek for “walking together”) that we may serve God together as “doorkeepers in the house of God.” *God's love endures forever!*

APOSTLES' 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

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

622

For Many Years, O God of Grace



1 For man - y years, O God of grace, This church has
 2 Here chil - dren have been born a - new; Their par - ents
 3 Here when the mar - riage vows were made, Both bride and



been your dwell - ing place And we your con - gre - ga - tion.
 brought them un - to you, Your prom - is - es con - fess - ing.
 bride - groom sought your aid, Your love their own tran - scend - ing.



Up - on the pre - cious cor - ner - stone Our faith is
 Here man - y found a ta - ble spread; They ate Christ's
 Here mourn - ers with their trou - bled hearts Have found the



built, and Christ a - lone Is still our one foun - da - tion.
 bod - y with the bread And drank the cup of bless - ing.
 peace your Word im - parts, The joy that has no end - ing.



To - day We pray: Let us greet you, Lord, and meet you
 To - day We pray: Ban - ish sad - ness, As with glad - ness
 To - day We pray: May the sto - ry of your glo - ry



Here with sing - ing. All our prais - es to you bring - ing.
 We a - dore you, Glad - ly wor - ship here be - fore you.
 Here re - sound - ing Be a song of grace a - bound - ing.

Text: William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

...Christian Education

John 21:15-17

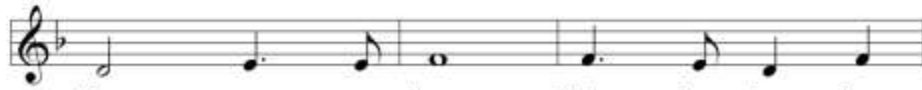
This selection has both law and gospel mixed so closely they're almost imperceptible. Christ's command to “Feed my lambs” and “Take care of my sheep” is law, but it is motivated by a heart filled with love in the risen Lord Jesus. God does this same thing for us as we seek to undertake the blessed burden of educating his flock! There is a command there, but it is a command based on and living through the love of Christ. *God's love endures forever!*

CLOSE OF SERVICE

332 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Never a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008. © 1983 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.

...The Ability to Work

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Our wealth is a gift of God that we live and work for, but even that ability to work is a gift that Moses points out is from the LORD your God. He is the one who makes us willing and able to use our gifts in his service and in the service of others, and it is him that we thank for this blessing! *God's love endures forever!*

THANKSGIVING

611

For the Fruit of His Creation



1 For the fruit of his cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's
 God. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks



be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
 be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture
 For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the
 For the truths that still con - found us, Most of



needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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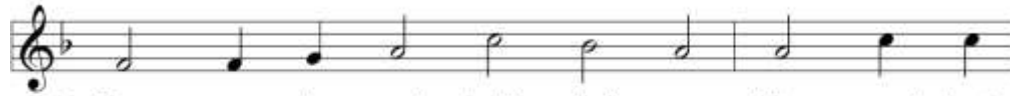
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...The Peace of Rest

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus gives us the blessed assurance that he will be our rest and relief through all of life's trials and temptations. When we are “yoked” to Christ, the burden is exceedingly easy and light because he carries both the weight and us! This promise is true not only in this life, but in the life to come. *God's love endures forever!*

EVENING

587 **Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow**

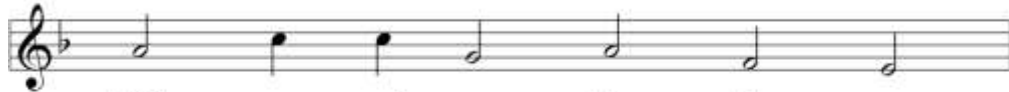
1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
 2 The rule of day is o - ver And shin - ing
 3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, Oh, spread your
 4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber
 jew - els cov - er The heav - en's bound - less
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a -
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your



lies. But you, my heart, a - wak - en,
 blue. Thus I shall shine in heav - en,
 larm. Though Sa - tan would as - sail me,
 heads. Sweet slum - bers may he send you



With prayer and song be tak - en;
 Where crowns of gold are giv - en
 Your mer - cy will not fail me;
 And bid his hosts at - tend you



Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 To all who faith - ful prove and true.
 I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
 And through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

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 Assurance of Heaven

Revelation 22:1-5

The reason we are assured of heavenly glory is because our entrance there is not based on our own merit or effort, but solely on the blood of that Lamb enthroned in the center of the city. We will be before the face of God...no more sorrows, no more pains, no more darkness...for we will reign forever and ever with God! *God's love endures forever!*

BLESSING

P: 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: Amen.

EVENING

588

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
 5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
 And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
 Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
 Tune: EVENTIDE (10 10 10 10) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

Officiants

Wednesday Accompanist: Mona Vitale

Thursday Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Liturgist: Pastor Ross Ulrich

Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS — We will again be decorating the church for Christmas with poinsettia plants “*in memory of*” or “*for blessings received*” from members and friends of our congregation. Your response has been overwhelming in the past. This year’s suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. There are envelopes in the west foyer for your donations. Please complete the outside of the envelope and place it, along with your donation inside, in the church/school office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, November 27th.** A list of memorials/blessings will be in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Please call the office @ 242-1378 if you have any questions.

ADVENT TEA HOSTESSES NEEDED — Plans are in the works for a Advent Tea on **Monday, November 28th @ 6:00 p.m.** Hostesses are needed. There is not much work involved and is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. Please contact Ruth Peters @ (734) 242-4961 if you would like to attend or host a table. Men please contact Ken Vagt @ (734) 915-1873 if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year Zion is once again supporting Paula’s House. There is a great need this year with more women and families there than in the past. The giving tree is in the school hallway with tags. Please have all the presents wrapped and returned by **Monday, December 12th.** This is a great opportunity to show our love and support to those who are struggling. Thank you for helping with this outreach project.

FIRST ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE — *This is My Son*

Each mid-week Advent Service we will be exploring the Son. Here is a little information on the first week.

Just as God’s people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas, as we sing of the Savior, “Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s delight!” (LSB 334:1). Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God’s promises. God’s promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman’s offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God’s Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We are planning on decorating the church for the celebration of Christmas on **Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-noon.** The more hands available the quicker the work will get done. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Thank you in advance for using your talents to help beautify our sanctuary and church for this blessed season. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: Saturday, Dec. 3rd 1-4:00 p.m. Christian fellowship and fun!

Drop your kids off for an afternoon of Christmas-themed fun - similar to a day of Vacation Bible school - while you head out to get some Christmas shopping completed!

ADULT CHOIR: We have an adult choir that has started practicing. They meet on Sundays after Bible Study. If you are not able to meet at that time please contact Bryan Schneck about meeting at another time. His phone number is 907-331-7761.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - We are forming a new Technology Committee to help with upgrades to our existing systems. If you would be interested in joining please contact Jeremy Robinson. You can contact him at 734-586-2688.

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. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday 9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday Advent Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class
No Choir Practice

Monday 6:00 p.m. Advent Tea

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 3:00 p.m. CEA Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 1st Midweek Advent Worship Service

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church
 1:00 p.m. Christmas for Kids

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday Advent Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class
 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

Our Fruits of Faith

At worship last week: 33+118 = 151;
 Offerings for week ending 11/19/22: General - \$5,143.25
 Missions - \$430.00

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

| | <u>Nov. 2 & 6</u> | <u>Nov. 9 & 13</u> | <u>Nov. 16 & 20</u> | <u>Nov. 24</u> | <u>Nov. 27</u> | <u>Nov. 30 & Dec. 4</u> |
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| ALTAR GUILD | | | Liz Seibert | | | |
| LIVE STREAM HELPERS | Zach McCormick | Steve Sordahl | Miller Sordahl | | Rob Krueger | Zach McCormick |
| USHERS | <u>Nov. 2 & 6</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick | <u>Nov. 9</u> <u>Nov. 13</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf | <u>Nov. 16 & 20</u> Rob Krueger Ray Chandonnet Ralph Naveaux Erich Freiny | <u>Nov. 24</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg | <u>Nov. 27</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé | <u>Nov. 30 & Dec. 4</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober |
| COMMUNION HELPERS | <u>Nov. 2</u> Jeff Grubb <u>Nov. 6</u> Jeremy Robinson | | <u>Nov. 16</u> Erich Freiny <u>Nov. 20</u> Alan Bober | | | <u>Nov. 30</u> Ben Husby <u>Dec. 4</u> Mark Kipf |

Would you like to help “feed some lambs”?

Our congregation is accepting donations to Zion's two "Zion School Tuition Assistance" funds. These funds are set up to specifically assist families in need within the congregation and the community with tuition assistance scholarships for their child attending Zion Lutheran

School. With recent events, there is a particular need due to the financial challenges facing several of our families this year.



There are two funds, one designated to help any family in our community wishing to attend Zion Lutheran School, and one designated for Zion congregation member families.

We have already used most of the funds available to us for member families for the new school year, and our general fund (open to all school families) already does not meet our needs for the next school year.

If you are interested in making a donation to either of these funds, please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Please write in the check memo line which fund you wish the donation to go to:

"ZLS Tuition Assistance – General" or

"ZLS Tuition Assistance – Zion Member".

Donations not designated to a specific fund will be applied to the funds as needed at the discretion of the school board and church council.

Thank you for helping Zion Lutheran School to do all we can to answer Christ's call to "feed his lambs and sheep".

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." – John 21:15b