The background of the image is a close-up of an open book with a light-colored, textured wooden cover. The pages are slightly aged and show some text. A dark, possibly leather, strap or bookmark is visible across the pages. In the lower center, there is a circular gold-colored emblem containing a crown icon and the text 'CHRIST IS ALL'.

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CHRIST IS ALL

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 27 & 31, 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 joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

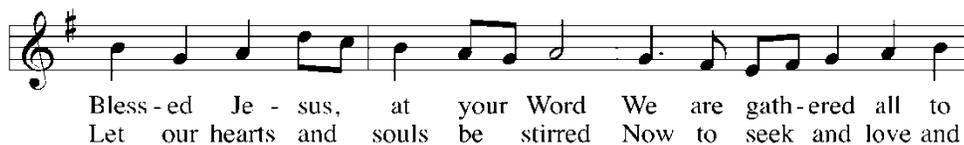
Worship Focus: True faith in Christ, created and strengthened by the Word, will produce fruit. Moses and Paul encourage their readers to stay close to God through his Word so that a life of sanctification may result. The Good Samaritan of Jesus' parable had a faith that made him a neighbor to everyone.

THE GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD



P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**



P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
 Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-
 shroud - ed
 cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
 You must work all good with - in us.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**
2 Timothy 3:16, 17

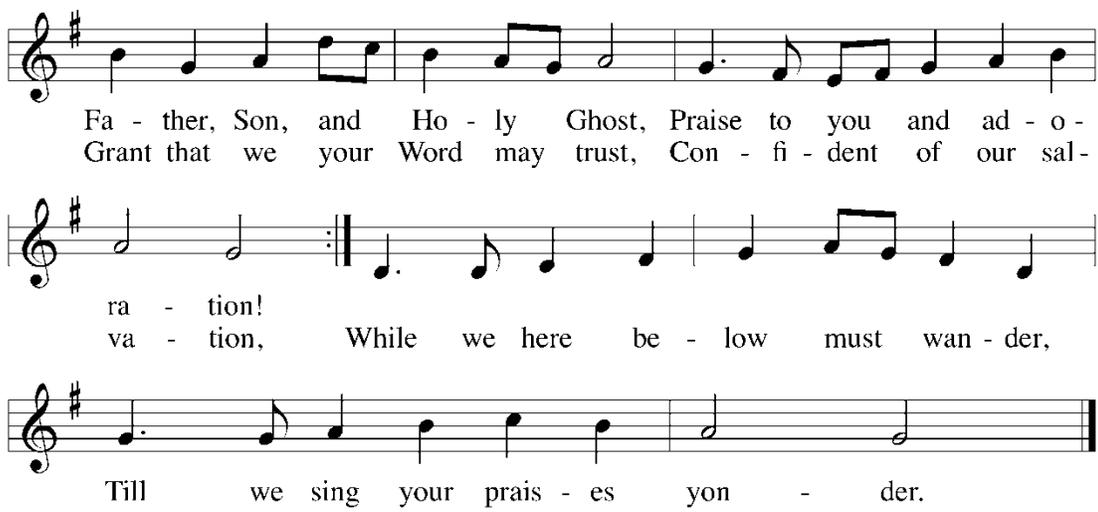
P: Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.**

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
 O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's
 ceed - ing,
 plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

P: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: **(spoken) Amen**



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will cause you to be overflowing with good things from all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your soil. Once again he will rejoice over your prosperity, just as he rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰when you obey the voice of the LORD your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this Book of the Law, when you return to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹Certainly, this commandment that I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not far away. ¹²It is not up in the heavens, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will go up to the heavens and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?” ¹³It is not across the sea, so that you have to say, “Which one of us will cross over to the other side of the sea and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?” ¹⁴Instead, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can obey it. (EHV)



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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:

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
²⁶ “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?” ²⁷ He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as

yourself.”²⁸ He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”³¹ It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.³² In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.³³ A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.’³⁶ Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?”³⁷ “The one who showed mercy to him,” he replied. Then Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (EHV)

Hymn of the Day: CW 456

“Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go”

COMMITMENT

456

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

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Sermon Text and Theme:

Colossians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,² To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints⁵ because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already

heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel⁶ that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth.⁷ You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf.⁸ He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.⁹ For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,¹⁰ so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully¹² giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.¹³ The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (EHV)

WE OWE IT ALL TO THE GOSPEL

Responsive Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning.
Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

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.

Hymn: CW 348

“Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus”

REDEEMER

348

Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt
2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most
3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing
4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure
5 Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For thou un - to



long - ing still. Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus,
ten - der - ly; Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing
is to thee— Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure;
to ful - fill; In me, through me, with me ev - er,
me didst bring Thine own self and all thy grac - es



What he wills a - lone to will, For my heart, which
What in love he gave to me. Je - sus' blood hides
Give in - stead what prof - its me. Let my heart by
Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will. In thy ho - ly
That I joy - ful - ly may sing; Be it un - to



he hath filled, Ev - er cries, “Lord, as thou wilt.”
all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Text: Ludmilia Elisabeth, 1640-72; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: JESUS, JESUS, NICHTS ALS JESUS (87 87 77) *Das . . . vollkommene Musikalische Choral-Buch*, Hamburg, 1715, alt.

Collect Prayer

Benediction



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

Closing Hymn: *CW 281*

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

WORD OF GOD

281 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.

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Zion Lutheran Church Annual Camp-out at



Friday, August 5th – Sunday, August 7th

Camping is FREE! A group supper is planned for Saturday at the beach pavilion. Service and Fellowship will provide pulled pork, baked beans, a potato dish, bottled water and dinnerware. We ask that campers/visitors bring a side dish or dessert to pass and their own beverage.

There will be a Worship Service on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

If you are not a camper please come Saturday for food, fellowship, swimming, fishing, or just relaxing at the beach!

Please RSVP by Sunday, July 31st. There are sign-up sheets in the west foyer – there are two sheets one for camping and one for the dinner on Saturday. We thank you in advance for the RSVP it will help us in our planning for the meal and reserving sites.



THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in April 2023. We have a specialist from synod to 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

