



God's Feast Is Ready

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Pentecost 21

October 22nd, 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 joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

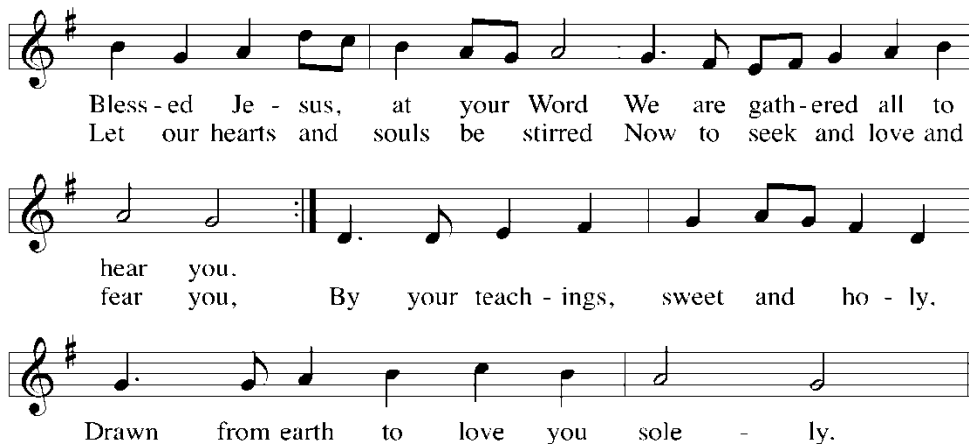
Worship Focus: Today the Lord calls us to the heavenly banquet. Let nothing hinder our attendance.

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.



Bless-ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly.
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

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

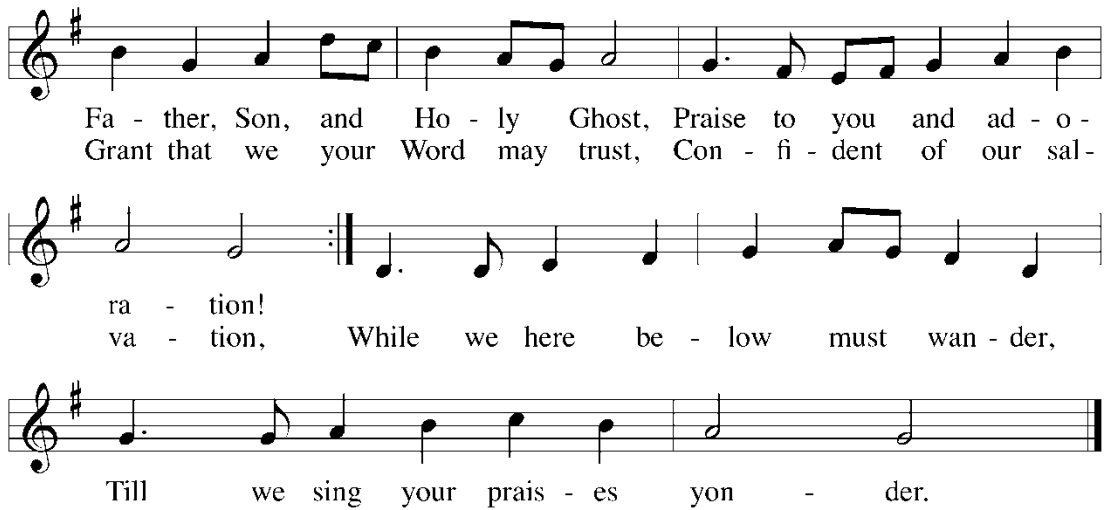
P: Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to you faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



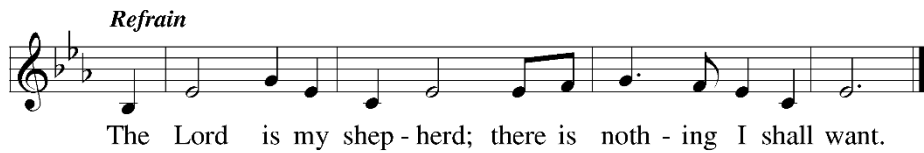
C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. ⁸ He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. ⁹ On that day it will be said, “Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!” (EHV)



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul,*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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:**Philippians 4:4-13**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. ¹²I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. ¹³I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. (EHV)

GOSPEL:**Matthew 22:1-14**

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. ⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’ ⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie his hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.” (EHV)

Hymn of the Day: *CW 376***“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”**

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Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
 ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
 on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
 man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

Sermon Theme:

God's Feast Is Ready

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction



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

Closing Hymn: CW 337

“Delay Not! Delay Not”

INVITATION

337

Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.



Officiants

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CALL MEETING—The Call Meeting has been postponed until after the Voter’s Meeting in October. Please look for upcoming information.

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.

CHANGE NOTICE:

OPEN FORUM & VOTERS’ MEETING
THE OPEN FORUM WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE
AND THE VOTERS’ MEETING WILL BE HELD
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPEN FORUM

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS Presents: Oklahoma!

Join us on November 11-12 for Michigan Lutheran Seminary's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!". This classic musical is full of cowboys, farmers, romance, and fearless optimism. You'll enjoy familiar songs like "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Oklahoma." Tickets go on sale October 4 at 10:00 am. Purchase tickets in advance at mlsem.org.

MLS Foundation Dinner & Auction

Save the date for the annual dinner & auction on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Great Hall in Midland! If you would like to donate an item to be auctioned off, visit our donation page at <https://bit.ly/44ZPmxK> to fill out a donation form. Watch for updates and ticket sales to open up in early November at our website: <https://mls-foundation.org/>.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
	11:30 p.m. Friends in Faith
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and NO Adult Bible Class
	10:15 a.m. OPEN FORUM and then VOTERS’ MEETING

October Volunteers

	Sept. 27 & Oct. 1	Oct. 4 & 8	Oct. 11 & 15	Oct. 18 & 22	Oct. 25 & 29
Altar Guild			Diane Affholter & Linda Selvidge		
Live Stream Helpers	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny
Ushers	<u>Sept. 27</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux <u>Oct. 1</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>Oct. 4</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Oct. 8</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Oct. 11</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Oct. 15</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>Oct. 18</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner <u>Oct. 22</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	<u>Oct. 25</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>Oct. 29</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux
Communion Helpers	<u>Sept. 27</u> Alan Bober <u>Oct. 1</u> Jake Burke Steve Sordahl		<u>Oct. 11</u> Ken Vagt <u>Oct. 15</u> Jeremy Robinson Mark Kipf		



Friends In Faith

Sunday, Oct. 22nd
11:30 a.m.
Zion Auditorium

Luncheon Provided

All women of Zion welcome!

Zion's Harvest Party

27TH OCT | 5:30PM - 7:30PM



DRESS A SCARECROW CONTEST!

BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS. STRAW AND FRAME PROVIDED.
DECORATING OPEN FROM THURSDAY 3PM - FRIDAY 5:30PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!

PRESENTED BY EIGHTH GRADE - 7PM

CARNIVAL-STYLE FAMILY GAMES!

PIZZA, DONUTS, AND CIDER PROVIDED!

*\$5 DONATION/PERSON SUGGESTED