

"But you, who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:15

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Aug. 30 & Sept. 3, 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.

WORSHIP FOCUS: The Christian Church is built, protected, and extended by the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Savior.

PRELUDE MUSIC: Come We That Love the Lord by Shea

Built on a Rock by Lind Meditation by Massenet

Liturgy: Common Service

CW pg. 15

Opening Hymn: CW 239

"Glory Be to God the Father"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Glory Be to God the Father



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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

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Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865-1919.

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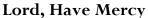
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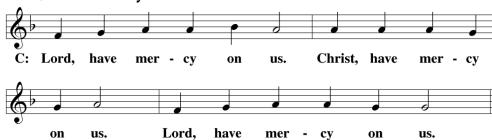
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.





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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be To God



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and , that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 6:2-8

²Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, "I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. ^{[a] 4}I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. ⁵I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶"Therefore, tell the Israelites, 'I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD." (EHV)





Taste and see that the <u>LORD</u> is good;* blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the <u>right</u>eous* and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who <u>fear</u> him,* and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD <u>hears</u> them;* he delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted* and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The Lord redeems his <u>ser</u>vants;* no one who takes refuge in him will <u>be</u> condemned.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON Revelation 7:1-8

7 After this I saw four angels, who stood at the four corners of the earth. They were holding back the four winds of the earth so that the wind could not blow on the earth, the sea, or any tree. ² And I saw another angel coming up from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He called out with a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to harm the earth and the sea. He said, ³"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have placed a seal on the foreheads of God's servants."

⁴ And I heard the number of those sealed: 144,000 sealed from all the tribes of the people of Israel:

⁵ from the tribe of Judah, 12,000, who were sealed,
from the tribe of Gad. 12,000,

from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad, 12,000,
from the tribe of Asher, 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000,
from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi, 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000,
from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000, who were sealed.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 536

"Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

CHURCH

536 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.

Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. (EHV)

But you . . . Who do you say I am?





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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



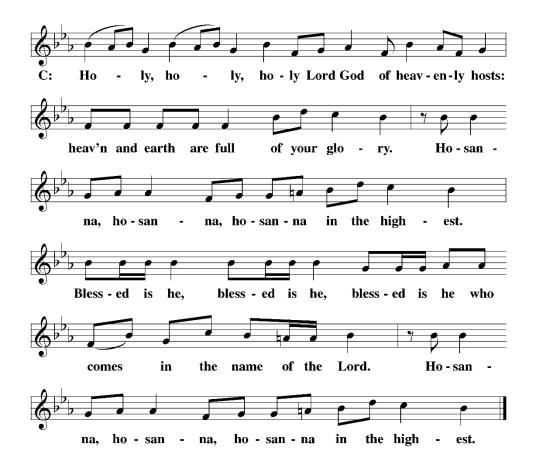
P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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."

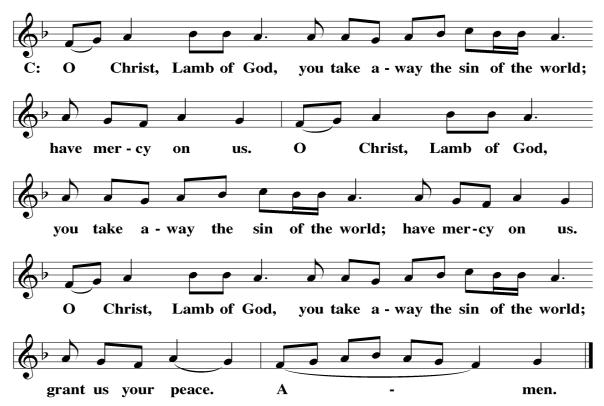
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 403 CWS 742

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"
"What Is This Bread?"

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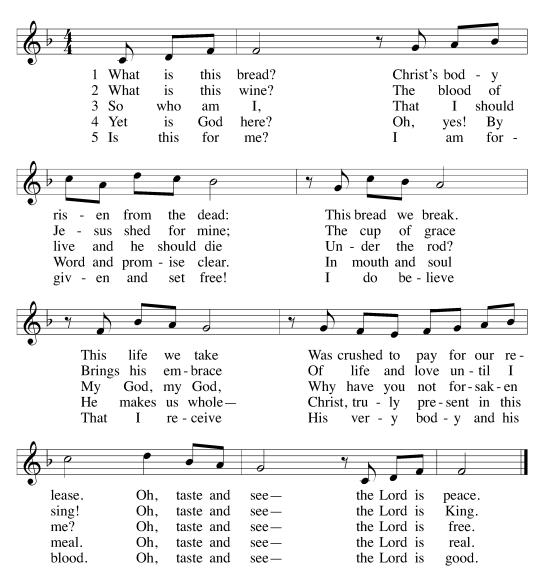
I Know My Faith Is Founded



Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. composite.
Tune: NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (78 78 76 76 76) Concentus novi, Augsburg, 1540, alt.

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What Is This Bread?



This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.

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THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

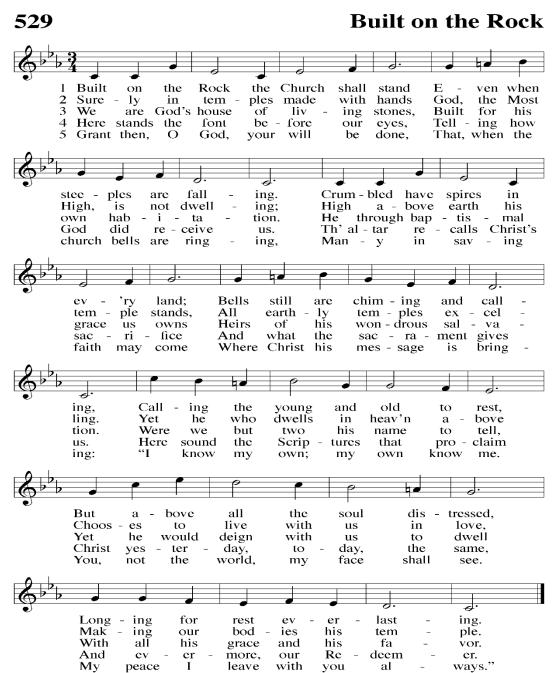
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and $(\mathbf{\hat{r}})$ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 529

CHURCH



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Tune: Kirken den er et gammelt hus (88 88 88) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

POSTLUDE MUSIC: Duo by Dandrieu

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober Violinist: Pastor Greg Sitzman Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETING—Pastor Stephen Meyer has decided to return the call to Zion. Please look for upcoming information on the next call meeting.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Adult Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m. The class will meet in the East Foyer by the Mother's Room until the renovations are done.

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.

Mum Sale: The Zion Christian Education Association is again holding a fall mum sale. Proceeds to benefit the school through CEA activities and purchases. The mums are again coming from Parrans. Last year's mum plants were spectacular! There are envelopes in the West Foyer if you want to purchase mums or want to share it with a friend or family member. All orders must be turned in by **Sunday, September 17th**. Mums will be available for pick-up at Zion on Tuesday, September 26. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Freiny.

PINEWOOD DERBY: It is that time of year again — Pinewood Derby Day. This year the derby is going to take place on **Sunday, September 10** at noon. There are two workshop days for anyone who needs tools and a place to work on their car. Workshop day is on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. Remember the derby is open to young and old whether a church member or Zion School family. The more participants the more fun for all.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: We will be having a workshop in September to freshen up our floral arrangements for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate towards this effort, please put your donations in the Wooden Church donation box in the West Foyer. There will be more information forthcoming.

Save the Date: Zion's Chili and Soup Cook-Off on October 14th at 4:30 p.m. sponsored by the Board of Service and Fellowship. This is for participants who want to share their best Chili or Soup for judging. Or bring your appetite and judge the entries - - \$5.00 admission per person. Proceeds to benefit Zion's students/teachers a more powerful and versatile portable learning management system due to a stay-at-home absence by purchasing some laptops/note books. Add this date to your calendars for some good eats and lots of fun!

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has started a "Zion's Meal Train". The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We are organizing an opportunity to donate meals for situations including surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Greetings Members of Zion!

Through the first half of 2023 Zion has experienced a financial shortfall of \$74,426.71 This shortfall is considerably higher than the shortfall last year at this time (halfway through 2022) which was \$21,255.58. Zion has two distinct types of funds. The first is "Unrestricted" and is for general use, payroll, budgetary items, etc. The other is "Restricted". These funds are for a specific use. The capital campaign is a good example of a "Restricted Fund". Please see the box below for more detailed information.

Balance Sheet	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
Unrestricted	\$265,513.32	\$283,401.72	\$280,808.72	\$233,286.12	\$209,382.01
Restricted	\$334,979.50	\$342,242.45	\$412,263.99	\$407,650.47	\$393,229.72

As you can see, the amount of Unrestricted funds continues to decrease as those funds are used for general operating expenses. The increase in restricted funds is mainly due to donations to the capital campaign and at the July 30, 2023 Voter's meeting the Voters approved up to \$123,750 for a major bathroom remodel of the bathrooms across from Pastors' offices. The Capital Campaign will remain ongoing for other needed renovations. Thank you for your continued support Zion! Thank you,

Board of Stewardship

ZION ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

The church now has a limited number of assisted listening devices available for those who require it. The devices have a single ear clip style headphone or an inductive neck loop for compatible hearing aids. If you would prefer, you can also use your own headphones with a 3.5mm plug. Simply plug in the headphones, turn on the device and adjust the volume to a comfortable level. If you would like to use one of these devices, please see an usher for assistance.



Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

Monday Office Closed – Labor Day Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Zion School Resumes

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class Resumes

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3:10 p.m. CEA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby Workshop

9:00 a.m. Zion Lutheran Soccer games vs. Jenera and Adrian

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class Resume

Noon Pinewood Derby Weigh-in

1:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby Race Begins

September Volunteers

	Aug. 30 & Sept. 3	Sept. 6 & 10	Sept. 13 & 17	Sept. 20 & 24	Sept. 27 & Oct. 1
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman &	Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream					
Helpers	Need Volunteer	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Rob Krueger	Need Volunteer
Ushers	Aug. 30 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Sept. 3 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Sept. 6 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Sept. 10 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	Sept. 13 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner Sept. 17 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	Sept. 20 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale Sept. 24 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux	Sept. 27 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Oct. 1 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	Aug. 30 Alan Bober Sept.3 Rob Krueger Mark Kipf		Sept. 13 Ken Vagt Sept. 17 Mark Fuerstenberg Jeremy Robinson		Sept. 27 Alan Bober Oct. 1 Jake Burke Steve Sordahl



Zion's Chili/Soup 2nd Cook-Off October 14th 4:30 p.m. Calling Chili/Soup Lovers! Come to compete or to eat.

Bring your pot o' chili/soup and your appetite to see who has the best chili/soup around!

Rather eat than cook? Grab a spoon and judge who will be the winner!

Admission \$5.00 - - with proceeds to benefit Student Ipads for homework assignments

Chili/Soup Cook-Off Entries:

- Each entry can be created by an INDIVIDUAL, or by a TEAM.
- Each entry must be fully cooked, hot and delivered in a 5-8 quart crockpot.
- Blind, anonymous judging to be done by all attendees.
- Sign-up sheet in west foyer of church.

Chili/Soup Cook-Off Official Rules:

- Grab a Scorecard and Pen.

Round 1: Taste Test only! (sign-up in west foyer)

- Begin sampling chili/soup by just taking enough to taste. There will be time to come back for more later!
- Each chili/soup is identified by either a number or letter. Taste each chili/soup and score according to the instructions located on the scorecard.
- Once all the chilis/soups have been tasted and scored, submit your voting ballot in the designated area.

Round 2: DIG IN!

- Grab a big bowl of chili/soup and wait to find out who is the winner of the cook-off!

Prizes will be awarded.