



**ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI**

*(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)*

**IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 9 & 13, 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:** Our Lord Jesus Christ graciously supplies forgiveness for the soul and food for the body.

**PRELUDE MUSIC:** Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy (Hymn tune – Pleading Savior)

Arietta by Rick Parks

Prelude in the Classic Style by Gordon Young

**Liturgy: Service of the Word**

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**OPENING HYMN:** *CW 353*

**“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

**REDEEMER**

**353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who  
lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -  
pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
de - 'mons, With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
to - rious That we may know God by grace.  
Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing  
ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -  
thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800–79.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

P: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

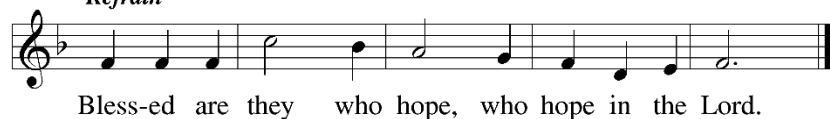
ISAIAH 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water, even if you have no money! Come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money on something that is not bread? Why do you waste your labor on something that does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good. Satisfy your appetite with rich food. <sup>3</sup>Turn your ear toward me, and come to me. Listen, so that you may continue to live. Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies promised to David. <sup>4</sup>Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples, a leader and commander of peoples. <sup>5</sup>Look, you will call out to a nation you do not know, and a nation that does not know you will run to you, on account of the Lord your God, because of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. (EHV)

### Psalm 42-43

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#### Refrain



#### Psalm tone



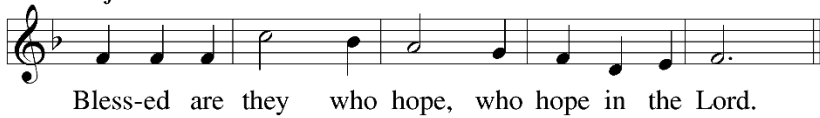
As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*  
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



*Refrain*

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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**

**Romans 8:35-39**

<sup>35</sup> What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (EHV)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23)

## REDEEMER

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## Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est  
 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my  
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long  
 lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth  
 cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt  
 plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -  
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,  
 be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,  
 not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me  
 ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry  
 the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O  
 Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And  
 While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards  
 Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or  
 Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I



Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to  
 thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -  
 ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -  
 shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior  
 here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est



hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.  
 sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.  
 move me Since he deigns to love me.  
 plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.

Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he replied. <sup>19</sup>Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup>Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children. (EHV)

## **A Meal With A Message**

### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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**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 258 (vs. 1-3)*

**“Now Let All Loudly”**



1 Now let all loud - ly Sing praise to God the Lord;  
 2 The Lord is reign - ing O - ver the u - ni - verse,  
 3 Come, hea - then ra - ccs, Cast off all grief and cares,  
 4 Rich - ly he feeds us Al - ways and ev - 'ry - where.  
 5 Sing we his prais - es Who is thus mer - ci - ful.



Chris - ten - dom, proud - ly Laud him with one ac - cord.  
 The world sus - tain - ing. All things his praise re - hears.  
 For pleas - ant pla - ces Your Sav - ior now pre - pares,  
 Gent - ly he leads us With a true fa - ther's care.  
 Chris - ten - dom rais - es Songs to his glo - rious rule.



Gent - ly he bids you come be - fore him.  
 The an - gel host his glo - ry tell - ing,  
 Where his blest Word a - broad is sound - ed,  
 The late and ear - ly rains he sends us.  
 Re - joice! No foe shall now a - larm us.



Haste, then, O Is - ra - el, now a - dore him!  
 Psal - ter and harp are the an - them swell - ing.  
 Par - don for sin - ners and grace un - bound - ed;  
 Dai - ly his bless - ing, his love, at - tends us.  
 He will pro - tect us, and who can harm us?



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 Tune: NUN PREISET ALLE (56 56 9 10 10) Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern, 1594–1648, alt.

## CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 258 (vs. 4 & 5)

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WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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POSTLUDE MUSIC: Trumpet Voluntary by William Goodwin



Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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**CALL MEETING**— Zion Voters meet and extended a call to Pastor Stephen Meyer. He is currently serving a congregation in Rochester, MN. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents.

**ZION BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** The end of the summer is coming soon so we wanted to remind families of the Zion Back to School Nights. Preschool Orientation is on **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** and the Zion School K-8 grade Back to School Night is on **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** Please come, see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy fun with fellow students and families.

### 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

**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 days are Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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.

**HVL NEWS: New Name - Same Mission:** Huron Valley Lutheran HS is now Hope Christian Academy offering Christ-centered education for grades 6-12. For quite some time, however, we will be utilizing both names as we transition to the new name. Please continue to use the name HVL when writing checks or sending donations. Once all the legal documents have been switched to the new name, we will make an announcement to begin using HCA for all purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **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.



**WELS CHURCH LOCATOR:** Will you be going on vacation this summer? Will you be gone on a Sunday? There are plenty of WELS churches that would love to have you come and visit. Just go to the WELS website ([WELS.net](http://WELS.net)) and click on the link for Church Locator (at the top of the page) or just use the code below.



## Coming up at Zion ....

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Monday 6:00 p.m. Preschool Orientation  
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Zion Back-to-School Night  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service  
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Church Council  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

## Summer Volunteers

	July 2 Aug. 6	July 9 Aug. 13	July 16 Aug. 20	July 23 Aug. 27	July 30
<b>Altar Guild</b>	June – Helen Heusman & Lorrie Koenig		July – Ruth Ann Peters & Barb Friar		August – Gail Heusman, Hanna & Kayla Liechty
<b>Live Stream Helpers</b>	Rob Krueger	Need Volunteer	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	
Ushers	<u>July 2</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner  <u>Aug. 6</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>July 9</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf Joe Schmeling  <u>Aug. 13</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf Joe Schmeling	<u>July 16</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny  <u>Aug. 20</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny	<u>July 23</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas  <u>Aug. 27</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas	<u>July 30</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Dave Bengé Matt Hill
Communion Helpers	<u>August 2 &amp; 6</u> Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier		<u>July 16</u> Jeremy Robinson Alan Bober  <u>August 16</u> Ken Vagt  <u>August 20</u> Jeff Heusman Jake Burke		