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Live By Faith

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 22 & 26, 2025

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: Faith is the very foundation of the Christian life. Faith, worked by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, allows us to do great things for the Lord and see eternal life as our ultimate goal. Let us thank God daily for the gift of faith.

In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord (Advent-the Festival of Pentecost); but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word.

LITURGY: Service of Evening Prayer

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES – We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during

the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

Preservice Music (*Sunday Only*): *Zion Handchimes A*

"Forever Rain"

Opening Hymn: *CW 226 (vs. 1-4)*

(*Sunday Only*) *Zion Warrior Voices*

"To Your Temple I Draw Near"

"On Eagles Wings"

OPENING OF SERVICE

226

To Your Temple I Draw Near



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
I through Christ be - come your child.
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
God of love, to mine at - tend.
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
That my joy - ful soul may bless
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
In your courts to seek your face.
Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
Life and im - mor - tal i - ty.

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



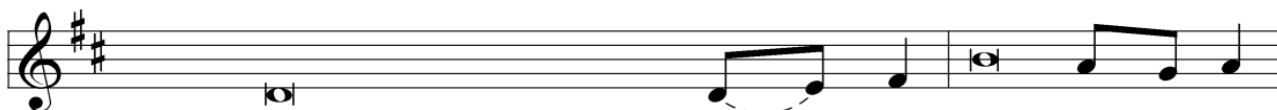
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the_____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
(Christmas) Unto us the_____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
(Epiphany) The glory of Christ_____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
(Lent) Behold the_____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
(Easter) The Lord is_____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
(Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord_____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
(General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy_____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of

our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a

great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are

in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he

made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and

bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

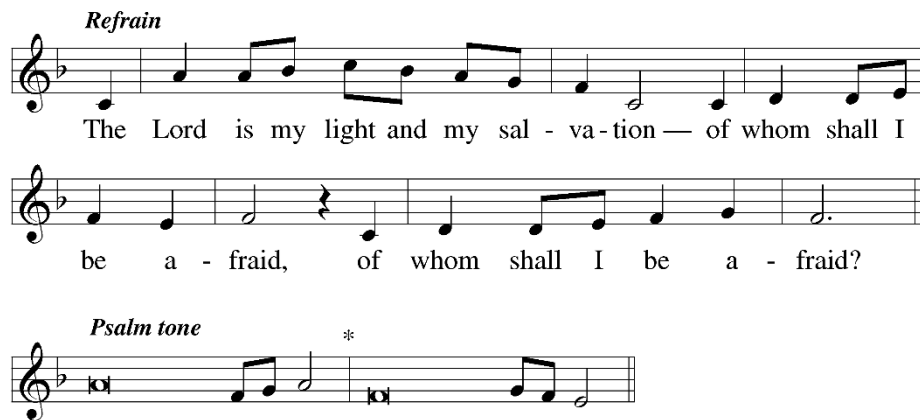
1 The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.² How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen? I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save!
³ Why do you cause me to see injustice? Why do you overlook misery? Devastation and violence confront me. There is strife, and tensions rise.

2 I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me. He said: Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed. ⁴ Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him—but the righteous one will live by his faith. (EHV)

Psalm 27

CW pg. 75

The faithful Christian has a confidence rooted in the trustworthy deliverance of his Lord.



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain



Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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

2 Timothy 1:3-14

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you. ⁶For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. ⁹He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given

to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ and it has now been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher of the Gentiles,^[a] ¹² and that is why I am suffering these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know the one in whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³ Hold fast to the pattern of sound words that you heard from me, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Through the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you. (EHV)

Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12 cf. RSV)

Gospel

Luke 17:1-10

¹⁷ Jesus said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Watch yourselves. “If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴ Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” ⁶ The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the table’? ⁸ Won’t the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰ So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.’” (EHV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 181*

“Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit”

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Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit



1 Come, oh, come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
 2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; When we tres - pass
 3 With our spir - it, Lord, bear wit - ness That we are the
 4 Prompt us, Lord, to come be - fore him With a child - like
 5 Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure Wis - dom, coun - sel,



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
 on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
 saints of God Who re - ly up - on him sole - ly
 heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 pur - i - ty, That we al - ways strive to please you,



Dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
 And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
 When we're chas - tened by the rod; For we know, as
 When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is
 Work - ing for you will - ing - ly. Let the gos - pel



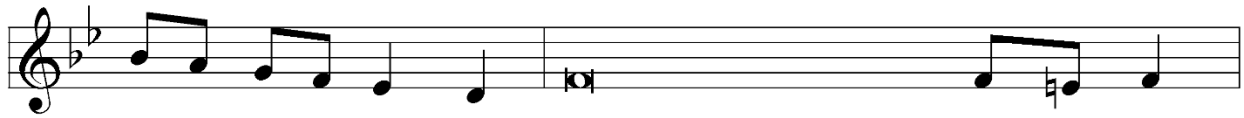
life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.
 Lord, re - call; Work re - pent - ance when we fall.
 chil - dren should, That the cross is for our good.
 not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
 spread and grow, Bring - ing Sa - tan's o - ver - throw.

Sermon text and theme: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

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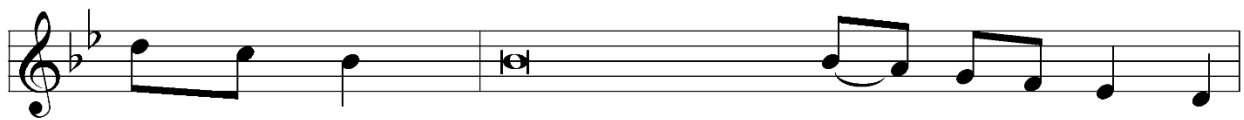
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



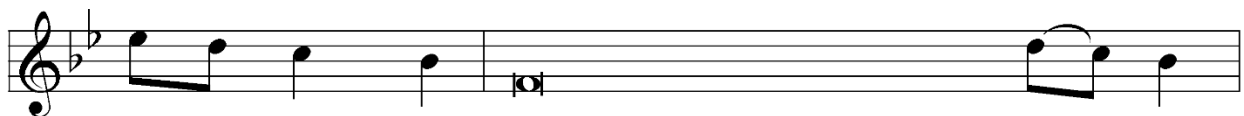
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



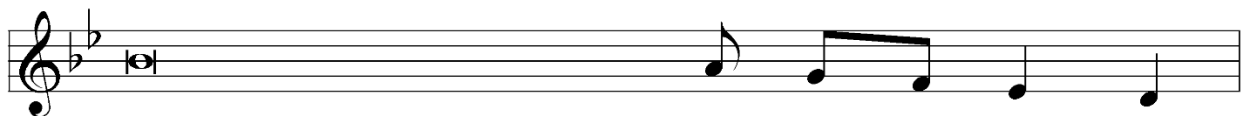
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



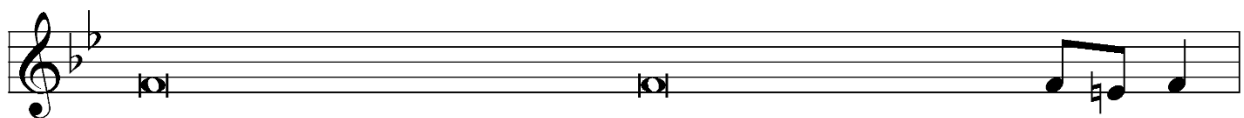
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



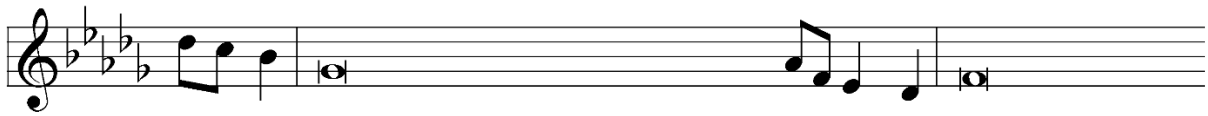
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



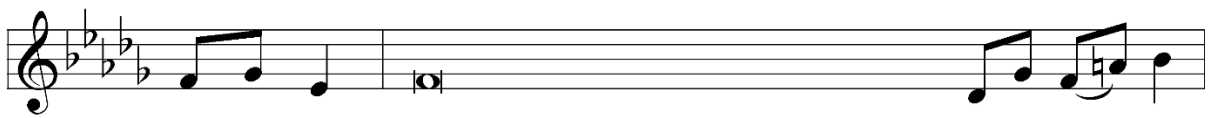
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING: (Sunday only) – Zion Handchimes A

“Before the Throne of God Above”

The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: *CW 456*

“Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go”

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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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Officers

Accompanist: Wednesday – Stephanie Sitzman

Sunday – Kayla Liechty

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETINGS: On Sunday, October 19th there was a call meeting for 6-8 grade Teacher/Principal. This call was extended to Ryan Roth. There was an additional call meeting for Preschool Teacher/Director. This call was extended to Sharon Dorow. Finally, there was a call meeting for a joint Pastor. This call was extended to Rev. Matthew Guse. Please keep all three calls in your prayers as they deliberate where they can serve the Lord best.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Class has finished the book of Philippians and will start the book of Romans this Tuesday. The instructor is Bari Waltz. The class will meet in the Mother's room from 10-11:00 a.m. every Tuesday unless otherwise announced.

SPECIAL OPEN FORUM: On **Sunday, November 19th** at 10:15 a.m. there will be an Open Forum to discuss how to best fund Zion's ministry plan.

WLS FOOD BANK DRIVE: We are again supporting the WLS Food Bank. Starting this week, we will have a table in the west foyer for you to leave donated items. See the back table for the items they are needing for this year. We will be taking the donations to HCA on Wed., Oct. 29th.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith would like to send a greeting to Zion students who are away at school. So if you have a student who is a member of Zion and is living away from home to attend school, you can send their name and a clear school address to Lorrie Shock. Email the information by November 1st to lschoc711@gmail.com. If you have any questions feel free to contact Lorrie via email or phone 734-770-1151.

ADVENT TEA: Save the date – Sunday, November 30th! Friends in Faith is planning on holding the annual Advent Tea on Nov. 30th. Hostesses are needed so, if you would like to host a table or attend the tea please contact Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Open Forum – NO Adult Bible Class
 11:15 a.m. Voter's Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)

Friday No School for Zion
 Office Closed

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

October Volunteers

	Oct. 1 & 5	Oct. 8 & 12	Oct. 15 & 19	Oct. 22 & 26	Oct. 29 & Nov. 2
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman	& Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream Helpers	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl
Ushers	<u>Oct. 1</u> Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling <u>Oct. 5</u> Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling	<u>Oct. 8</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Oct. 12</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Oct. 15</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz <u>Oct. 19</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	<u>Oct. 22</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Oct. 26</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<u>Oct. 29</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier <u>Nov. 2</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	<u>Oct. 1</u> Jeremy Robinson <u>Oct. 5</u> Jake Burke Jeff Heusman		<u>Oct. 15</u> Mark Kipf <u>Oct. 19</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		<u>Oct. 29</u> Ken Vagt <u>Nov. 2</u> Mark Kipf Rob Krueger