

To Live is Christ

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 27 & Oct. 1, 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 joyful privilege of serving our God in this life and the life to come in a gift of his grace.

Liturgy: Common Service

CW pg. 15

Opening Hymn: CW 242

"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

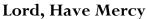
Tune: O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte (König) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

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.





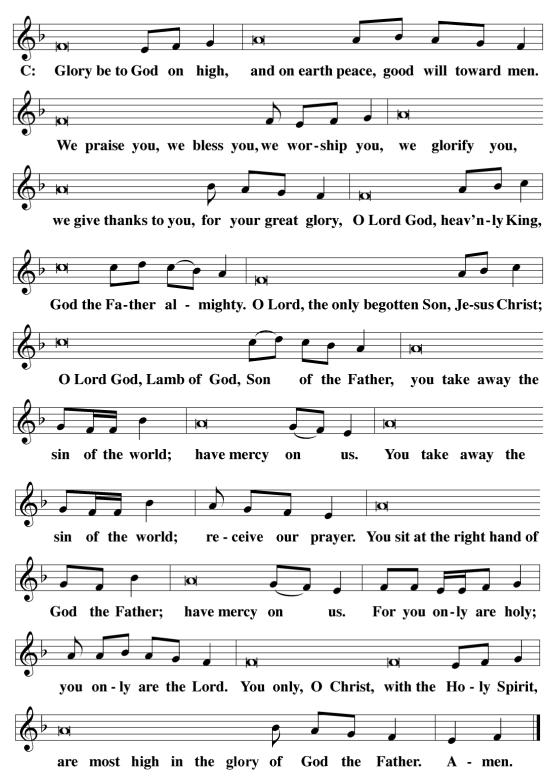
P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



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.

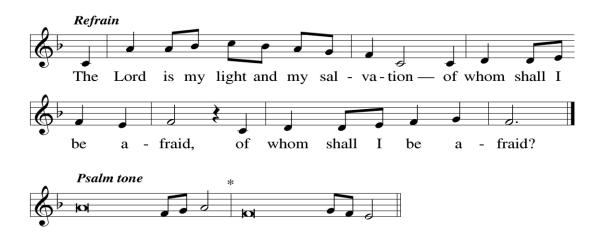
P: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! ⁷ Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans. (EHV)



Hear my voice when I <u>call</u>, O Lord;* be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your <u>face</u> from me,* do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my <u>help</u>er.

Do not reject me or for<u>sake</u> me,*
O God my <u>Savior</u>.

Refrain

Though my father and mother for<u>sake</u> 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 <u>living</u>.

Wait for the Lord;*

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

20 "Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. ⁴ To these he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶ When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, 'Why have you stood here all day unemployed?' 7"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' "He told them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.'9"When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. ¹¹ After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: 12 'Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. 15 Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last." (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

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 390

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

JUSTIFICATION



6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551, abr.; tr. composite.
Tune: Es ist das Heil (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

Sermon text and theme

Philippians 1:18b-27

¹⁸ What does it matter? Only this, that in every way, whether for outward appearance or for the truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ²⁰ This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. ²³ I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. ²⁴ But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. ²⁵ And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. ²⁶ And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel, (EHV)

To Live in Christ

CREATE IN ME



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.



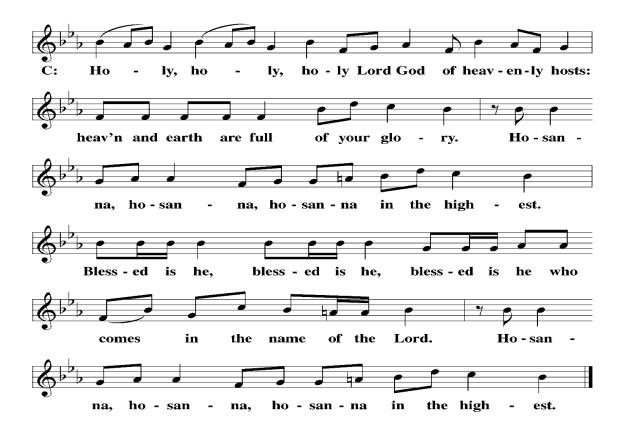
P: Lift up your hearts.



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."

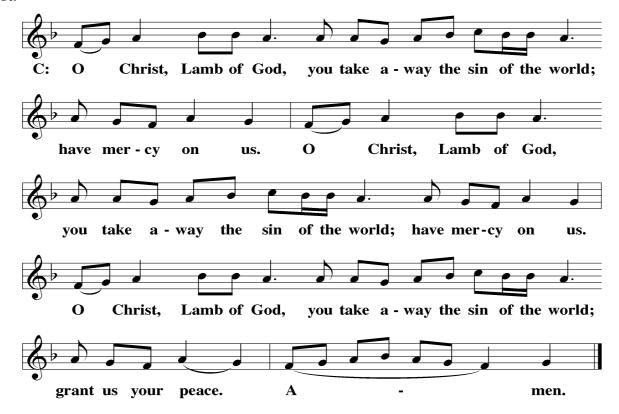
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 312 CW 438

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"
"In God, My Faithful God"

312 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

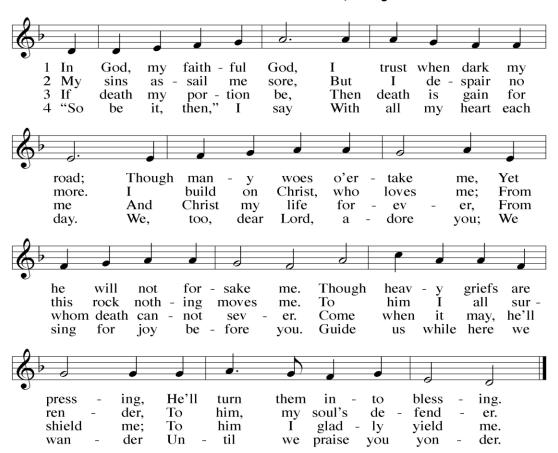


- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt. Tune: Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ (87 87 887) Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt.

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In God, My Faithful God



Text: attr. Sigismund Weingärtner, 17th century, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Auf Meinen Lieben Gott (66 77 77) Kurtzweilige Teutsche Lieder, Nürnberg, 1576, alt.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er

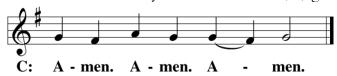
P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and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



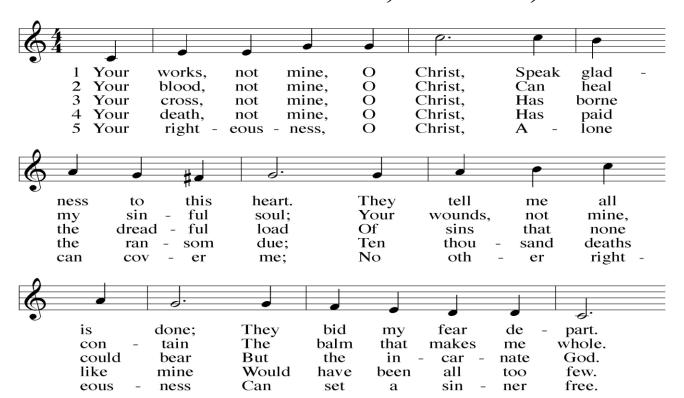
Closing Hymn: CW 401

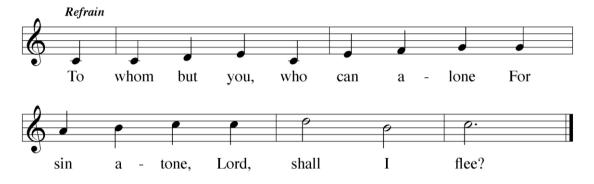
"Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

JUSTIFICATION

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Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ





Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
Tune: St. John (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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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.

Mum Sale: Thank you to everyone who ordered mums this year. We doubled our orders from last year. Thank you so very much for the support to the school.

Church Fall Cleanup & Chili/Soup Cook-off: Saturday, October 14th @ 9 a.m. we will be having the annual fall clean-up. The more hands the quicker the work. Hopefully we can have a lot of helpers and get the work done so we can go home and clean-up to return for the Zion's Chili and Soup Cook-Off @ 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.

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

Coming up at Zion

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

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

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wed.-Fri No School @ Zion – Pastor/Teacher Conference

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thurs.-Fri. Office Closed

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October Volunteers

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



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

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.



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











Fall Festivites Saturday, October 21

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Decorate a Pumpkin and play Carnival Games under the large beach pavilion. A Bounce House will also be set-up weather permitting.

10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.: Vote for your favorite decorated Campsite.

Please turn your votes into the office. (The winner will be announced after church.)

10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.: Silent Auction Baskets will be in the Dining Hall.

(The winners will be announced after church.)









3 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Trick-or-Treating around the Campground (Just look for the campsites with a pumpkin light.)

6 p.m.: CHURCH SERVICE at the big fire pit in fromt of the Dining Hall (or inside the Dining Hall if inclement weather)

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.: Hayrides with Cider and Donuts at Bubba's Cider Shack (Weather permitting! If not, find us in the Dining Hall for your Cider and Donuts.)



