



**“The Lord swears by the pride of Jacob,
“I will never forget any of their deeds!”**

Amos 4:7

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5 & 9, 2022

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 attitude about material possessions and the way we handle money reflect our relationship with God. Amos and Jesus warn that an obsession with gaining more money relegates God to a lowly position in our lives. And, as Paul relates to Timothy, the greatest price we should be concerned about is the ransom Christ paid to reconcile us with God.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 481*

"O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"

STEWARDSHIP

481 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made



1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True



all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at
tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to
stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a



your com - mand, And in it now you reign.
use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.
deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor
A full ac - count - ing we must give And



hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -
claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -
see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your



a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

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Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

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.

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

1 Timothy 2:1-8

2 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument. (EHV)

Psalm 38

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.



Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

**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

Luke 16:1-13

16 Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ²The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’ ³“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’ ⁵“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’ ⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. ⁹I

tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous *mammon*, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. ¹¹So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous *mammon*, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹²If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*.” (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)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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TRUST

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All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, alt.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Listen to this, you who trample on the needy to wipe out the oppressed from the land, ⁵ who say, “When will the New Moon be over so that we can sell grain? When will the Sabbath end so that we can open the grain bins? Then we will make the bushel smaller and make the shekel weight heavier. We will cheat with dishonest scales. ⁶ We will buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals. We will sell the chaff with the grain.” ⁷ The LORD swears by the Pride of Jacob, “I will never forget any of their deeds!” (EHV)

“HYPOCRISY AND WEALTH”

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

P: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

P: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

P: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

P: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.**

STEWARDSHIP

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Savior, Thy Dying Love



1 Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to thee,
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee.
 My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee.
 That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see
 In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
 Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 And when thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.
 Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for thee.
 Some wan - d'r'er sought and won, Some - thing for thee.
 Through all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for thee.

Text: Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1816–95.
 Tune: WINTERTON (64 64 6664) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

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.



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.



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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.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP - We are having a Fellowship luncheon on **Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m.** The guest speaker for this presentation will be **Marion Yoas**. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer so we can plan an accurate count for the luncheon.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS JR. POMS FALL CLINIC: The MLS Jr. Cardinal Poms Fall Clinic is scheduled for October 9, 2022! The clinic is for girls from K-5th grade in a WELS/ELS church or school. Visit www.mlsem.org/jrpoms to register. **Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** (Registration 1:30 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$35 Each participant will receive: T-Shirt*, Hairbow or Set of poms, Light Snack. There will be a joint performance with the MLS poms team at halftime of the MLS varsity football game on Friday night, October 14. **Deadline to register is September 25 at midnight.** * *Because of supply chain issues if you miss the deadline we will not be able to get you a shirt.*

MLS OPEN HOUSE: Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites all 5th-8th grade students and their families to spend part of a day on campus learning about MLS at one of our Open House events. There will be several open houses throughout the school year. All open houses will include a tour of campus, faculty introductions, a free meal in the dining hall, and free admission to an MLS event.

- Oct 14 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity football game vs. Burton-Bendle
- Nov 20 (4:00-6:00) - Fall Play performance @ 2:30 (Open House after show)
- Feb 10 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity basketball games vs. Nouvel
- Mar 11 (4:00-6:00) - Children's Theater performances @ 2:00 and 7:00 (Open House between shows)
- May 5 (4:00-6:00) - Varsity baseball/softball games vs. Bullock Creek

Get your questions answered as you and your 6th-8th grade students meet faculty and students, attend mini-classes, and hear personal experiences from other MLS parents. Between tours and break-out sessions, you'll find out everything that makes MLS an incredibly special place for students and their families. Visit www.mlsem.org to register.



Zion's Chili/Soup Cook-Off
October 29th 4:00 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
to Benefit Camp Killarney

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 a.m. Fellowship Experience with Marion Yoas

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. CEA Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

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

Our Fruits of Faith

At worship last week: 33+138 = 171;
 Offerings for week ending 10/2/22: General - \$9,683.00
 Missions - \$402.00

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 28 & Oct. 2	Oct. 5 & 9	Oct. 12 & 16	Oct. 19 & 23	Oct. 26 & 30
ALTAR GUILD			Cindy Ulrich		
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	Rob Krueger	Zach McCormick	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	Rob Krueger
USHERS	<u>Sept. 28</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf <u>Oct. 2</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf	<u>Oct. 5</u> <u>Oct. 9</u> Rob Krueger Ray Chandonnet Ralph Naveaux Erich Freiny	<u>Oct. 12 & 16</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>Oct. 19</u> <u>Oct. 23</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé	<u>Oct. 26</u> <u>Oct. 30</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober
COMMUNION HELPERS	Steve Sordahl		<u>Oct. 12</u> Mark Kipf <u>Oct. 16</u> Erich Freiny		