



Submit Yourself to the Lord

# ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

*(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)*

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

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 29, 2024**

**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:** As Christians bear the cross and follow after their Lord, they can expect to endure hostility and persecution from those outside of the church. Sadly, however, some of the most painful experiences of Christians come not from outsiders but from fellow believers. The abundant gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others, find it in yourself! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need of a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution of the world.

*This is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. 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: Morning Praise

## OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

**BATHROOMS** While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. 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!

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,  
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

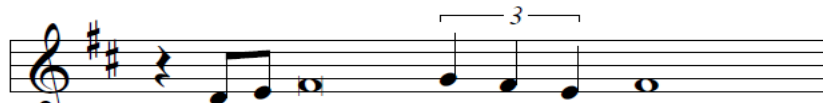
Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 “To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

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 Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

STAND


## OPENING HYMN



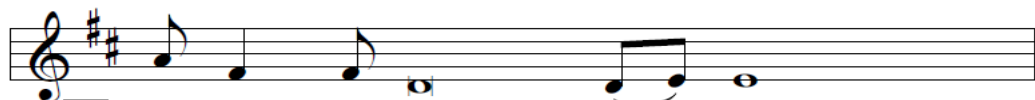
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



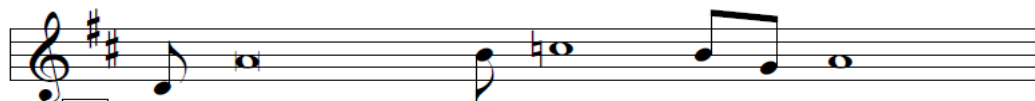
**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

# COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Venite*

**L** *Refrain*

**C** *Refrain*



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



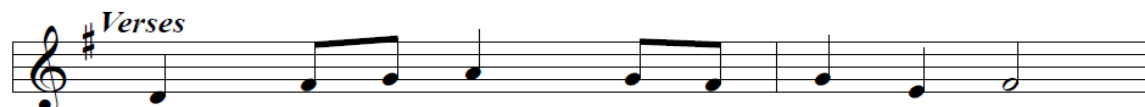
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

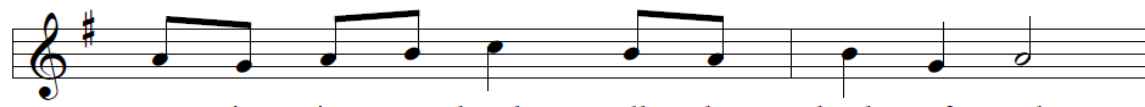


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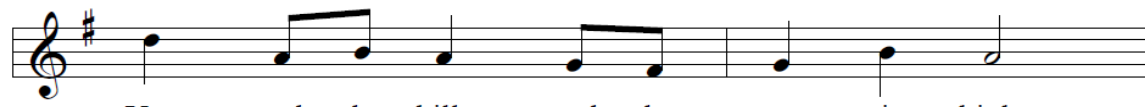


*Verses*

**L** 1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

## PSALM 63

### [C] Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will  
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to  
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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1. O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
2. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
3. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup> The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. <sup>19</sup> I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying: "Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit. Let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered." <sup>20</sup> But, LORD of Armies, you judge righteously. You test the heart and mind. Let me see your vengeance on them, for I have presented my case to you.  
(EHV)

## Second Lesson

James 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup> So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. <sup>9</sup> Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up. <sup>11</sup> Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? (EHV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)

## GOSPEL:

Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward. <sup>42</sup> "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, <sup>44</sup> 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>45</sup> If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, <sup>46</sup> 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>47</sup> If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (EHV)

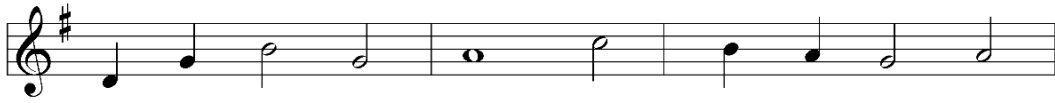
HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW* 462

**"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

## 462 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A  
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis



keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would  
 make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -  
 strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -  
 a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or



grant me grace To know and do his will!  
 min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
 heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.

**SERMON TEXT AND THEME:** James 4:7-12

## SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE LORD

**OFFERING:** (Sunday Only) *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.*



# YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

*Te Deum*

**L** Refrain

**C** Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



*Verses*

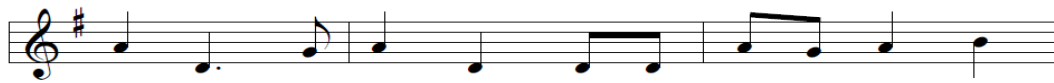
**L** 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We  
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

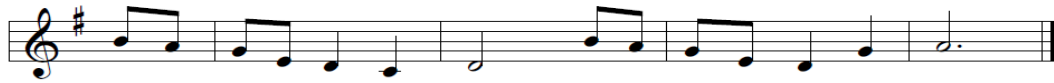
*Final Refrain*



**C** You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*



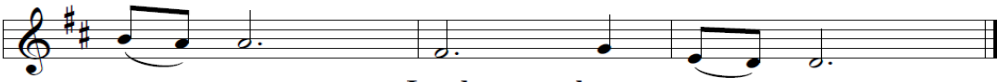
**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;



be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



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

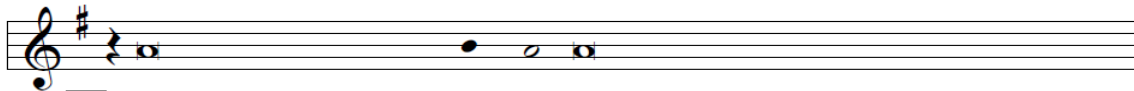


mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

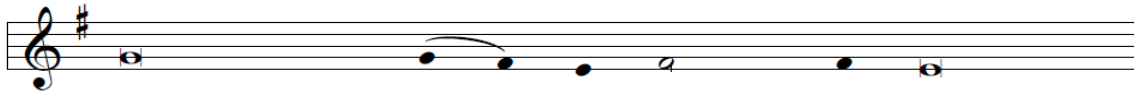
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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



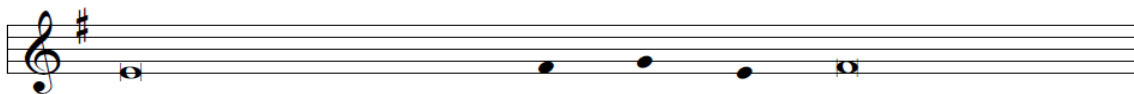
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



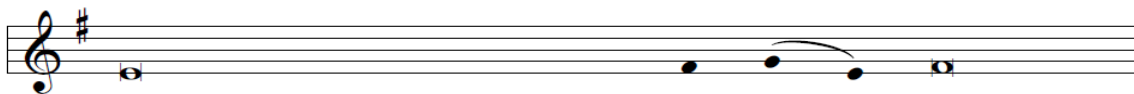
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



fall into sin nor run into an-y 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** A - men.



**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BLESSING



**L** The Lord bless and keep you.




**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**C** A - men.



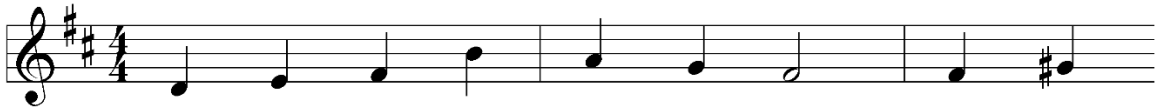
**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

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Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a  
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.  
 Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

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**CALL UPDATE**—The Voters decided on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to move forward with the 50/50 Associate Pastor with St. Paul's. The next step in the process is to have a pre-call meeting. The date of the pre-call meeting will be in October.

**OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE:** As summer approaches and you are out enjoying the benefits of your harvest do you sometimes have too much produce? Are you afraid it will go bad before you can use it all? We have a solution – bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There will be a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH:** In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

### FALL HAPPENINGS WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH:

October 5<sup>th</sup> – LWMS Fall Rally at Zion @ 9:00 a.m.

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Next scheduled meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Night Out – The Painting Barn @ 5:30 p.m.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christian Book Study @ 6:00 p.m.

November 24<sup>th</sup> – Fall Bake Sale after church service

There are flyers with additional information for these activities on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**ZION FALL CLEAN-UP:** The Trustees are planning on having the Zion Church and School Fall Clean-up on Sat., October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. the rain out date is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many hands make quick work so the more volunteers we have to beautify our grounds the quicker it will get done.

**HARVEST PARTY:** Zion School will be having their annual harvest party on Fri., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. There are many activities scheduled. Please see the back table for all the information.

**KILLARNEY FALLFEST:** Killarney is hosting a Fallfest on Fri.-Sat., Oct. 18-19<sup>th</sup>. There is an informational flyer on the back table. Please think of attending and enjoying Camp Killarney in the fall.

**WLS FOOD BANK DRIVE:** We are again supporting the WLS Food Bank. Starting next 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.

**HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Friends in Faith has a “Zion’s Meal Train” program. The “Zion Meal Train” is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. 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 it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to

