

The Blessing

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14 & 18, 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: are the beautiful truths of the gospel, not least those taught by Jesus in John 6, easy for us to grasp? Not at all! In fact, for the natural man and his fallen reason they are impossible. This Sunday recognizes the difficulty and calls for the response of a sacrificium intellect, a sacrifice that only the Spirit can work if fallen reason is to be overcome as we receive and rejoice in the saving truths of the gospel.

This is the Thirteenth 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: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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!

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HOLY TRINITY



Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt. Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716–96, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (\clubsuit) 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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

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 (¹/₂) and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

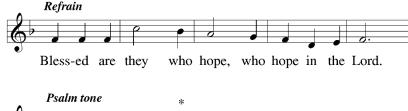


THE WORD

First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

9 Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars. ² She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has already set her table. ³ She has sent out her servant girls. She calls from the highest point in the city, ⁴"Whoever is naïve,[a] let him turn in here." To someone who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine that I have mixed. ⁶ Abandon your naïve ways and live. Travel the road to understanding." (EHV)





Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the <u>wick</u>ed* or stand in the way of <u>sin</u>ners.

But his delight is in the law <u>of</u> the LORD,* and on his law he meditates <u>day</u> and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in <u>sea</u>son* and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does <u>pros</u>pers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,* nor sinners in the assembly of the <u>right</u>eous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the <u>right</u>eous,* but the way of the wicked will <u>per</u>ish.

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.

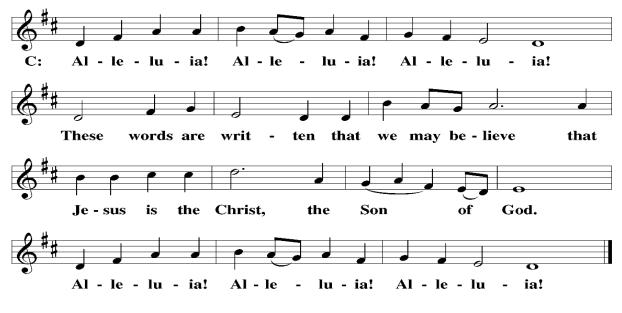
Refrain

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15 Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. 16 Make the most of your time,[a] because the days are evil. 17 For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit 19 by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), 20 by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 cf. RSV)



GOSPEL:

John 6:51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵² At that, the Jews argued among themselves, "How can this man give us his^[a] flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your^[b] fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever." (EHV)







Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt. Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

Numbers 6:22-26

²² The LORD told Moses ²³ to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words:

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you.

²⁵ The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

²⁶ The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

Part of the Service: The Blessing

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

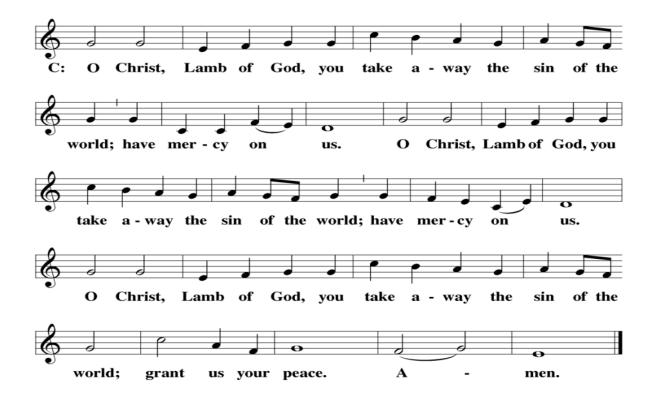
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





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"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" "God, We Praise You"

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table 310 come, Ι ble, 1 Ο Sav - ior, For weak and to your ta -2 Oh, grant that May now trust Ι in man - ner wor - thy 3 Un - wor - thy though Ο Be - cause I am, Sav - ior, I 4 Oh. let me loathe all sin for death and ev - er As 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn-ing That sin - ners wea soul; Ο you lone ry is my Je - sus, a are your sole -Word, ly in And, con-scious of the sins be you your have а sin - ful heart, Yet lamb will ban - ish poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning tion Who, Lord, to in faith are may sal va see you Refrain 0 a ble То sat - is - fy and make whole. me you, fore me, Look on - ly un - to Ο Lord. Nor will your faith - ful - ness nev - er, de - part. Lord, may your see your judg-ment take nev - er May its toll! turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly. Be bod - y and your blood for my soul the high-est good! 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— With sin my soul is sore oppressed.

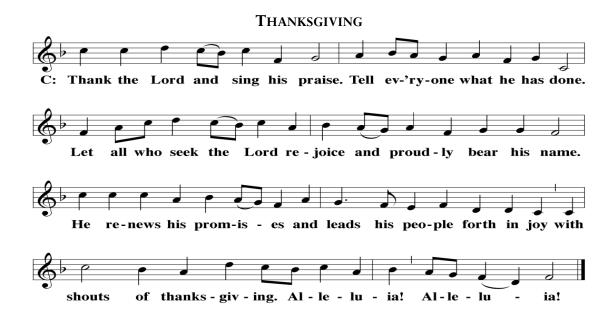
- Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster. It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain

10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain



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P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



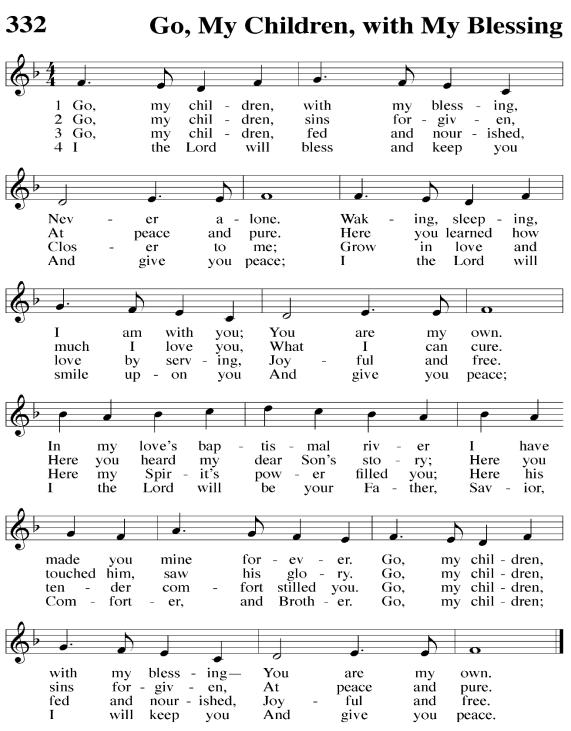
Benediction

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 (中) give you peace.



CLOSE OF SERVICE



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CALL UPDATE—The Voters decided on Sunday, July 28th 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 announced soon.

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.

BATHROOM UPDATE:

Dear members of Zion,

The bathroom renovation project has begun. During this renovation the bathrooms near the West foyer directly across from the pastoral offices will not be available. You will be able to still use the bathrooms in the east foyer and the bathrooms down the school hallway may be accessible as well.

This project will convert the two current bathrooms to two handicap accessible bathrooms. Thank you for your patience during construction as we update our facilities.

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 (<u>www.MealTrain.com</u>) 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 prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)				
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study – NO Sunday School or Youth Group				
	1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service				
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Zion Lutheran School Begins New School Year				
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service				
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)				
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study – NO Sunday School or Youth Group				

	August volunteers						
	July 31 & Aug. 4	Aug. 7 & 11	Aug. 14 & 18	Aug. 21 & 25	Aug. 28 & Sept.1		
Altar Guild			Melanie Palmatier				
Live Stream Helpers							
Ushers	<u>July 31</u>	<u>Aug. 7</u>	<u>Aug. 14</u>	<u>Aug. 21</u>	<u>Aug. 28</u>		
	Jake Burke	Mark Kipf	Ray Chandonnet	Tony Affholter	Dave Benge		
	Rich Heusman	Keith McBee	Erich Freiny	Jeff Douglas	Alan Bober		
	Jeff Heusman	Joe Schmeling	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	Matthew Hill		
	Juergen Koenig	Russ Vitale	Zach Turner	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch		
	Matt McCormick			,	Jeremy Robinson		
	Zach McCormick		<u>Aug. 18</u>	<u>Aug. 25</u>	Jacob Robinson		
		<u>Aug. 11</u>	Ray Chandonnet	Tony Affholter	William Robinson		
	<u>Aug. 4</u>	Mark Kipf	Erich Freiny	Jeff Douglas			
	Jake Burke	Keith McBee	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	<u>Sept. 1</u>		
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	Matt McCormick				Joe Koch		
	Zach McCormick				Jeremy Robinson		
					Jacob Robinson		
					William Robinson		
Communion	<u>July 31</u>		<u>Aug. 14</u>				
Helpers	Mark Kipf		Mark Kipf				
	<u>Aug. 4</u>		<u>Aug. 18</u>				
	Jeremy Robinson		Jeff Heusman				
	Rob Krueger		Ray Palmatier				
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August Volunteers

ZION CALENDAR QR CODE: Would you like to access the Zion Calendar anytime? We have made it available now with a QR code. The QR code will link you directly to the Zion Church and School Calendar. If you'd prefer to view it or add from a computer, visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar</u>. You can add the Zion events to the calendar app you use by selecting the "+GoogleCalendar" link at the bottom right of the page.



WELS CHURCH LOCATOR: Will you be going on vacation this summer? Will you be gone on a Sunday? We have WELS and ELS churches all over the United States that would love to have you come and worship with them. To find one near your vacation spot, go to the WELS website (WELS.net) and click on the link for 'Find a Church/School' (at the top of the page) or just use the code below.





READY...SET...GO!

Zion Lutheran Pinewood Derby



Work Shop Days in Mr. Schneck's Garage

Saturday, August 24 9 a.m. to Noon Saturday, September 7 9 a.m. to



Scan the QR Code at left for official Zion Pinewood Derby rules

Kits available for \$5 or can be purchased on your own.

Sunday, September 8

Weigh in: 12:00 PM Race begins: 1:00 PM **Ages: Pre-K to Adult** Races will be held in Zion's Gymnasium Hot Dogs and Sloppy Joe Lunch will be provided!

Prizes awarded for speed

as well as design!

Scan the QR Code at right to sign up your family via google forms.



Volunteers are needed for Work Shop Days and as Officials on the Day of Race! If you have any questions Please Contact Mr. Schneck 907-331-7761 or bschneck@zionmonroe.org

Car Kits are available for \$5 from Mr. Schneck and will be available at Preschool Orientation, Fun with Friends and Back to School Night on August 13, or at school .



Zion Lutheran School CEA FALL MUM SALE

Beautiful 9 inch pots from Parran's Nursery

for only \$10 each

Available in yellow, purple, white, orange and red.



Proceeds to benefit Zion

Christian Education Association (CEA) projects.



Please use the order form on back to order. Payment must accompany the order form.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. MUMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM ZION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 9 AM to 3 PM.

Order forms can be dropped off in the school office or given directly to coordinator Melissa Freiny. For questions, please contact Melissa at (734)652-1638 or melissa.freiny@gmail.com

RaiseRight Scrip Program

What is RaiseRight?

Instead of using cash you purchase gift cards.

Why use Raise Right?

When you purchase the gift cards through RaiseRight they donate a percentage back to Zion Lutheran Church (if you name the church as your benefactor).

When can I get cards?

You can get cards rather quickly. Leave your order in the office on Sunday and the next Sunday you can pick them up.

Or if you are tech savvy – you can use the app online and get credit immediately at many retailers.

Where do I get order forms?

The order forms are in the both foyers along with the list of the MANY retailers that participate.

I don't want to wait I want to start now!

No problem! Here is the QR code – get started right now!



If you have any additional questions, please see Amy Vanisacker in the office or call 734-242-1378.

Thank you!



THINGS YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT SCRIP



NO SELLING!

This is not a traditional fundraiser. You don't have to ask your friends and family for money!



YOU ALREADY SHOP THERE

All you do is buy shopping cards for the places you go all the time! Where, you ask? There are over 750 retailers to choose from like Target, Starbucks, Walmart, ITunes, and even Amazon! Retailers offer rebates of 2-18%. It can't get any easier!



OFFSET YOUR TUITION

You can earn \$1000 or more each year, and that monsy can go toward your tuition! Doesn't that sound amazing?

ON-DEMAND CARDS



You don't always have to wait for a shopping card! Sometimes, you can directly download your card onto your phone or print it out before you go shopping. Please note that it will require further information for the need of setting up a "PrestoPay" account (which is similar to PayPal) in order to use the "ScripWallet" option and that there is an additional fee of \$0.15 per order.



BUSINESS OWNER?

Purchase your business supplies through Scrip! It only cost 15 cents per transaction! How great is that???

NO CHRISTMAS PANIC!

Rather than running out at the last minute to buy those Christmas gifts, just buy shopping cards throughout the year and save them! Give the cards as gifts or use them to buy your Christmas gifts to benefit Zion!