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Mark 10:25

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 9 & 13, 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: With this Sunday the emphasis in the readings begins to change towards an emphasis on judgement, on man's accountability to God. All that is earthly is temporary; the Word if God is eternal truth. Therefore, the mortal ultimately has but one important task during his earthly life: to be prepared for judgement according to the standard set by God in his unerring Word.

This is the Twenty-First 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

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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!

TRUST

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O God, Forsake Me Not



1 O God, for - sake me not! Your gra - cious pres - ence
 2 O God, for - sake me not! Take not your Spir - it
 3 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli -
 4 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, I am yours for -



lend me; Lord, lead your help - less child; Your
 from me; Do not per - mit the might Of
 ca - tion! In ev - ry e - vil hour Help
 ev - er. Oh, keep me strong in faith That



Ho - ly Spir - it send me That I my course may
 sin to o - ver - come me. In - crease my fee - ble
 me o'er - come temp - ta - tion; And when the prince of
 I may leave you nev - er. Grant me a bless - ed



run. Oh, be my light, my lot, My staff,
 faith, Which you a - lone have wrought. Oh, be
 hell My con - science seeks to blot, Be then
 end When my good fight is fought; Help me



my rock, my shield— O God, for - sake me not!
 my strength and pow'r— O God, for - sake me not!
 not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!
 in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (I) (67 67 66 66) *New Ordentlich Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1648, alt.

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 eter - 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.

P: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will rush upon the house of Joseph like fire. The fire will consume, and no one will extinguish it for Bethel. ⁷ There are some who turn justice into wormwood, who throw righteousness to the ground.

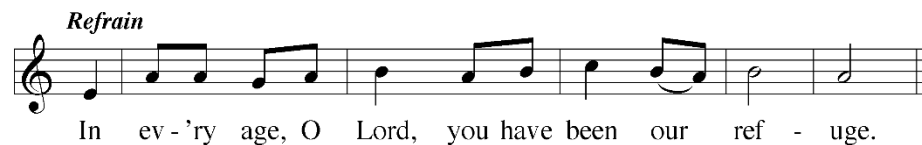
¹⁰ There are those who hate an arbitrator in the city gate. They despise anyone who speaks honestly.

¹¹ That is why you trample on the poor, and you collect taxes on their grain. You have built houses of cut stones, but you will not live in them. You have planted choice vineyards, but you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know that your rebellious deeds are many, and your sins are numerous, you who are enemies of a righteous man, you who take bribes. They thrust away needy people in the city gate.

¹³ That is why a prudent man will be silent in that time, because it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, so that you may live, and then it will be like this for you: The LORD, the God of Armies, will be with you, as you claim. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love good. Establish justice in the city gate. Perhaps the LORD, the God of Armies, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (EHV)

Psalm 90

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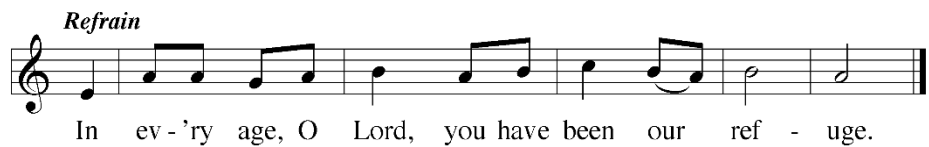


Lord, you have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain



You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**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

Hebrews 3:1-6

3 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. ³ In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything. ⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to

the things that would be spoken. ⁶But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b cf. NIV)

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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.” ²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.” (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

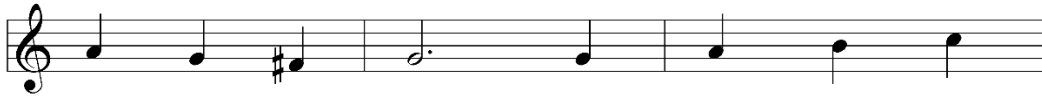
HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 401

“Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load; Of sins, that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - lone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: Mark 10:17-27

**What's impossible for you
is already finished**

APOSTLE'S 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.**

THANKSGIVING

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: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: 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.**

HYMN: *CW 418 (vs. 1-3)*

“My God Will Never Leave Me”

My God Will Never Leave Me



1 My God will nev - er leave me, And I will
 2 When hu - man thought and ac - tion Shall un - a -
 3 God shall be my re - li - ance In sor - row's
 4 Oh, praise him for he nev - er For - gets our
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 bonds re - claims me; From death I, too, am freed.
 own by mer - it— All's well, then, at the end.
 joy have tast - ed, The joy that has no end.
 sleep is o - ver, Our God will us a - wake.

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.



C: A - men.

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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CLOSING HYMN: *CW 418* (vs. 4-5)

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Officiants

Accompanist: Abbey Johnson (Wed.) & Stephanie Sitzman (Sun.)

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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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 is set for **Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.**

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.

HCA: HURRICANE RELIEF -- HELP NEEDED

You've probably heard about all the destruction from hurricane Helene, and maybe you've wondered if there is a way you can help. Yes, there is, and there happens to be an HVL/HCA connection.

Karl Peterson was the first principal of HVL. He and his wife, Deb, are retired and living in Asheville, NC, the same Asheville that has been in the news. Some members of Peace, Livonia, contacted them and asked them if they need any help. They do. Their community has food and water, but they (the community) are in desperate need of some other supplies. That is what we're asking of you.

If you would like to help, here's what they need: cleaning supplies, cleaning rags, shampoo, soap, face cloths, and hand towels. No food or drink, please. Gary and Ellen Schroeder, members at Peace, are taking as much as they can fit into a pickup truck, and they are leaving for Asheville on October 22. Please bring whatever you can to HCA before that time; simply leave it on the table in the entrance. If you can put it in sturdy boxes, that would also be great. Thanks for all your help.

FALL HAPPENINGS WITH FRIENDS IN FAITH:

October 13th – Next scheduled meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

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

November 3rd – Christian Book Study @ 6:00 p.m.

November 24th – 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 12th at 9 a.m. the rain out date is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 2nd. 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. 25th. 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. 18-19th. 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 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.

Coming up at Zion

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Youth Group and Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Meeting
- Monday 6:00 p.m. Pre-Call Meeting
- Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
- Thursday 6:00 p.m. Church Council
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Youth Group and Sunday School
1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Friend in Faith – Ladies Night Out

October Volunteers

	Oct. 2 & 6	Oct. 9 & 13	Oct. 16 & 20	Oct. 23 & 27	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3
Altar Guild		Helen Heusman	& Lorrie Koenig		
Live Stream Helpers	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl
Ushers	<p>Oct. 2 Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p>Oct. 6 Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p>Oct. 9 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p>Oct. 13 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p>Oct. 16 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p>Oct. 20 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p>Oct. 23 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p>Oct. 27 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p>Oct. 30 Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p>Nov. 3 Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>
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