



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7 & 11, 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: Why is it so important that we respond to God's generosity in giving temporal blessings with gratitude to him for his spiritual blessings? Because we are plagued within and without by temptations to worship the temporal to despise the eternal.

This is the Twelfth 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!

BAPTISM

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God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It



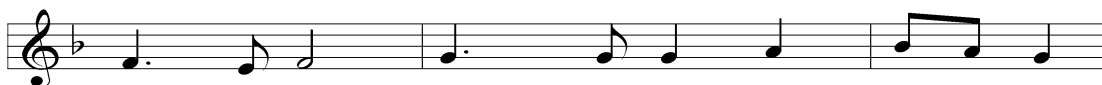
1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it:
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
 To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
 com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus’ cleans - ing
 ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
 die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
 eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I’ll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s trea - sures
 sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
 soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I’ve
 par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
 sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
 seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
 trav - eled, All your might has un - rav - eled,
 ash - es Faith’s as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus’ blood?
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 I’m a child of par - a - dise!

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Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, 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.

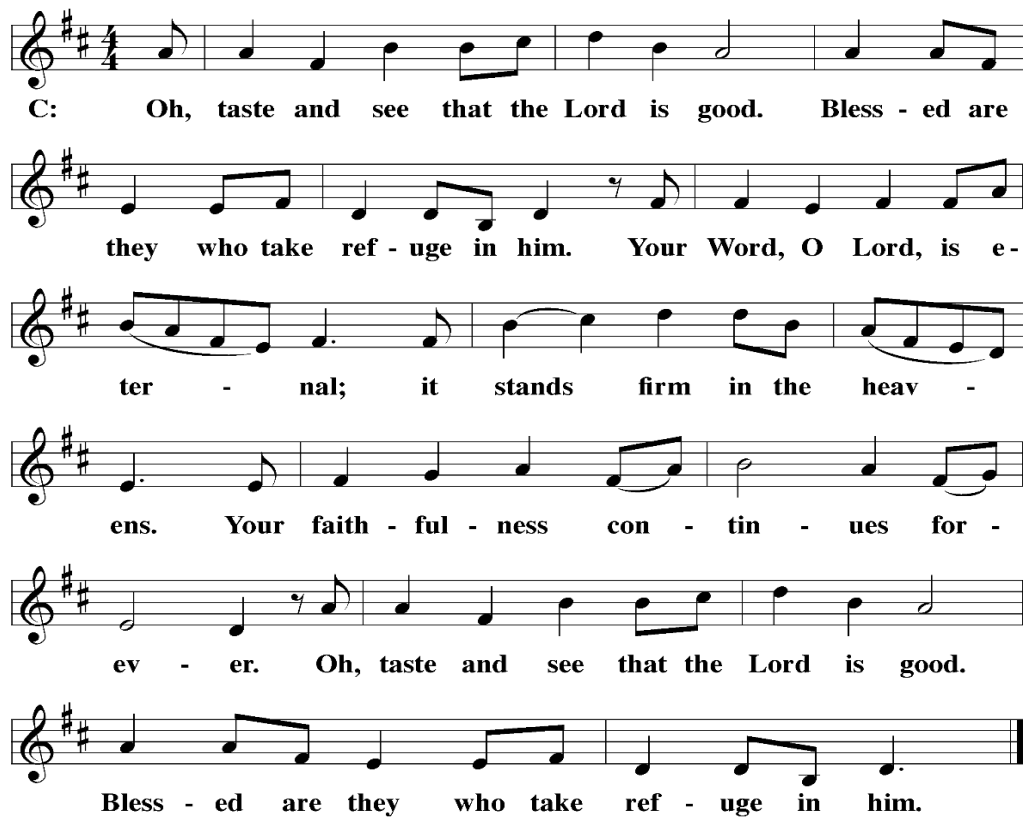
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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 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.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-8

³Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, LORD. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree. Suddenly an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again. ⁷Then the angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you." ⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food, he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. (EHV)



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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

Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

¹¹ We have much to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, because you have become too lazy to listen. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the beginning principles of God's word all over again. You have become people who need milk, not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who lives on milk is not acquainted with the word of righteousness, because he is still an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for mature people, who have their senses trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil. **6** Therefore, leaving the beginning discussion of Christ, let us press on toward matters that require greater maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith in God, ² of the teaching about baptisms, of the laying on of hands, of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And we will do this, if God permits. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

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 6:7-13

⁷ Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹ They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹ Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 185*

“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

PENTECOST

185 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter

Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -
 hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -
 hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -

brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when
 ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to
 gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we

death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -
 die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new
 glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -

ly stand And there find our sal - va - tion.
 with - in That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 ior's hand To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE:

1 Kings 8:29-30

²⁹ Let your eyes be open toward this house night and day, toward this place where you said, “My Name will be there,” to hear the prayer which your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰ When you hear the plea for mercy of your servant and of your people Israel, which they pray toward this place, then hear in your dwelling place in heaven—hear and forgive.

Ephesians 5:19

¹⁹ by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord),

The Parts of the Service: Prayers and Praise Our Dialogue of Worship

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 God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

THANKSGIVING

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Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
 life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
 now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
 And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
 With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
 in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
 ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 275

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

275

Blest Be the God of Israel

Benedictus – Song of Zechariah



1 Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, Who comes
2 He from the house of Da - vid A child
3 On pris - on - ers of dark - ness The sun



to set us free; He vis - its and re - deems us; He
of grace has giv'n; A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To
be - gins to rise, The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up -



grants us lib - er - ty. The proph - ets spoke of
raise us up to heav'n. Be - fore him goes his
on the sin - ner's eyes. He guides the feet of



mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease; God shall
her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way, The proph -
pil - grims A - long the paths of peace. Oh, bless



ful - fill his prom - ise And bring his peo - ple peace.
et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.
our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

Text: Michael A. Perry, b. 1942, alt. © 1973 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188). All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzog! . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.*



Officiants

Accompanist: Kayla Liechty

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 will be announced soon.

THANK YOU: Killarney Camp-out was very successful again this year. A special thank you to Jeff and Mary Smith for their efforts with the potluck cooking and organizing. This year we had 14 camp sites and had an attendance of 60 people for the service on Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event so special.

ZION BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: The end of the summer is coming soon so we wanted to remind families of the Zion Back to School Nights. Preschool Orientation is on **Monday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.** and the Zion School K-8 grade Back to School Night is on **Tuesday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.** Please come, see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy fun with fellow students and families.

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 gift 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 (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 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

Monday 6:00 p.m. Preschool Orientation
 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fun with Friends – Last Playgroup for the Summer
 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Back to School Night for K-8th grade

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Church Council

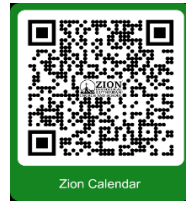
Friday Office Closed

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

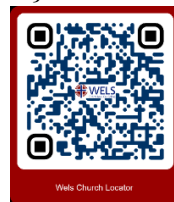
August Volunteers

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

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 <https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar>. 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.



You're invited
to
Fun With Friends

Zion Lutheran's summer play group!!

Snacks | Friends | Crafts | Kona Ice

When: June 11, July 23, and August 13 Time: 10 a.m.-12

A colorful illustration of a park scene. In the foreground, a blue slide has two children sliding down. To the left, a girl is jumping rope. In the center, a girl is swinging on a swing set. To the right, a boy is jumping on a trampoline. In the background, there are trees and a city skyline. In the bottom right, a group of children is sitting on a blue mat, building sandcastles in a sandpit.

*Parents must remain with their kids.



In His Service (IHS) WELS Women's Retreat

Wardrobe Essentials for the Christian Woman

September 28, 2024

**St. Jacob Lutheran Church,
12501 Riethmiller Rd, Grass Lake, MI**

The retreat will be based on Ephesians 6:10-17 (The Armor of God), applied to the woman's wardrobe used in our everyday lives.

Check-in at 9:30 am, with the first session at 10 am, and ending by 4 pm. We will have 2 morning sessions, lunch, 2 afternoon sessions, with time also for singing, crafts, and our prayer box!

Some ladies coming from a fair distance may find staying the night before or after the retreat to be helpful. The St. Jacob ladies are willing to assist with options. If so, please let us know on the registration form.

Attendance is not limited to WELS members.

**Hosted by: Women in God's Service
(WinGS) of St. Jacob Lutheran Church**

**Spiritual Advisor:
Pastor Kurt Uhlenbrauck, St. Jacob**



Registration forms are available in both foyers!