

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18 & 22, 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: What will that person be like, who follows Jesus in this life, who takes up his own cross after the one who bore it for us and for our salvation? He will be like the one he follows, first inwardly and then outwardly. Neither the internal attitudes nor the outward behavior is natural to any of us. At the same time, those attitudes and that behavior are expected of a follower of Jesus. Only closeness to his cross and nearness to him in the Word and sacraments make us such as follow him; and only the grace and pardon that ever flows from that cross in the means of grace save us from the wrath to come on those who do not follow him.

This is the Eighteenth 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: The Gathering Rite of the Word

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!

THE GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD



P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly.



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

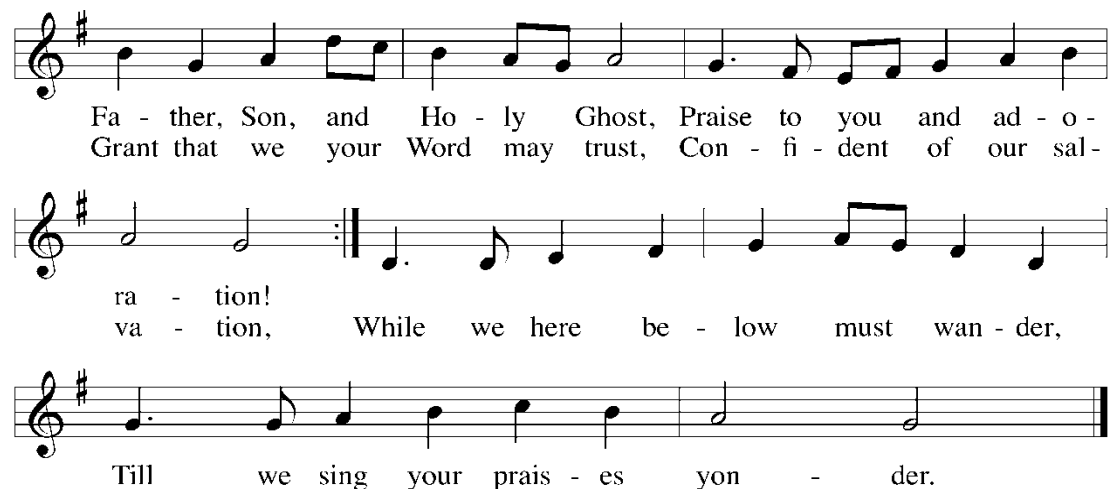
C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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 and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen**



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰But, 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)

Psalm 31

CW pg. 77



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

My times are in your hands;*
 save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,*
 which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy*
 when I called to you for help.

**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:

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace. (EHV)

GOSPEL:

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the statement and

were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.” (EHV)

Hymn of the Day: *CW 486*

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

STEWARDSHIP

486 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ring's Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, “You have done it un - to me.”
 of - f'ring's Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you?”
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Sermon Theme:

True greatness is found in service

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.

Benediction



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

Closing Hymn: *CW 100*

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

LENT

100

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
To gain for us his fa - vor. “Go forth, my Son,”
I'll do what you have asked me.” O won - drous Love,
Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
the Fa - ther said, “And free my chil - dren from their dread
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



“Will - ing all this I suf - fer.”
The fruit of your sal - va - tion.”
Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.



Officiants

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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 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.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The Tuesday morning Adult Bible class is going to resume meeting this Tuesday, September 10th at **10:00 a.m.** They will meet in the Mother's Room. Please come and join in.

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 5th – LWMS Fall Rally at Zion @ 9:00 a.m.

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

October 29th – 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.

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
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Mon.-Tues. Pastor will be at Pastor Conference

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 Noon Mum Pick up
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

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 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

September Volunteers

	Aug. 28 & Sept.1	Sept. 4 & 8	Sept. 11 & 15	Sept. 18 & 22	Sept. 25 & 29
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman	& Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream Helpers					
Ushers	<u>Aug. 28</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Sept. 1</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Sept. 4</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner <u>Sept. 8</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	<u>Sept. 11</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Sept. 15</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<u>Sept. 18</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier <u>Sept. 22</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	<u>Sept. 25</u> KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling <u>Sept. 29</u> KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	<u>Aug. 28</u> Ken Vagt <u>Sept. 1</u> Jake Burke Erich Freiny		<u>Sept. 11</u> Ken Vagt <u>Sept. 15</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		