



*WHOM WILL  
YOU SERVE?*

# ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 25, 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:** Christ feeds us with himself and gives himself to us in the gospel. On this Sunday, as the Gospel lessons from John 6 come to a close, the living and life-giving bread from heaven sums them all up and calls us to one more great work: to use the strength he gives in the saving food for faithful confession to the truth of his Word. If our own sinful flesh is never converted and remains hostile to both the law and the gospel, it should not surprise us that the world is hostile to all of the gospel and much of the law as well. May our confession of loyalty to all of his Word show that we live in and on Christ, the divine and saving food!

*This is the Fourteenth 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 Evening Prayer**

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## OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

**BATHROOMS** are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school.

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!

STAND



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



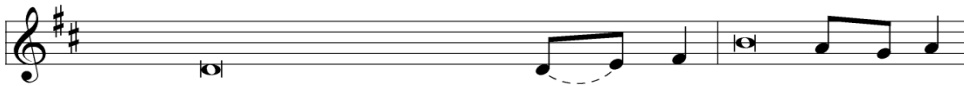
**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



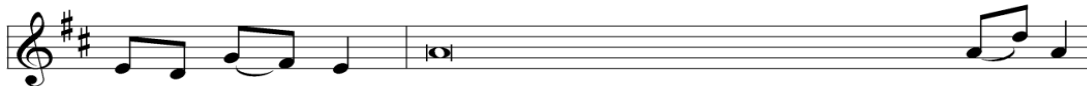
**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** (Advent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ King comes: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Christmas) Unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Lent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Easter) The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.  
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,  
 the Son, and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



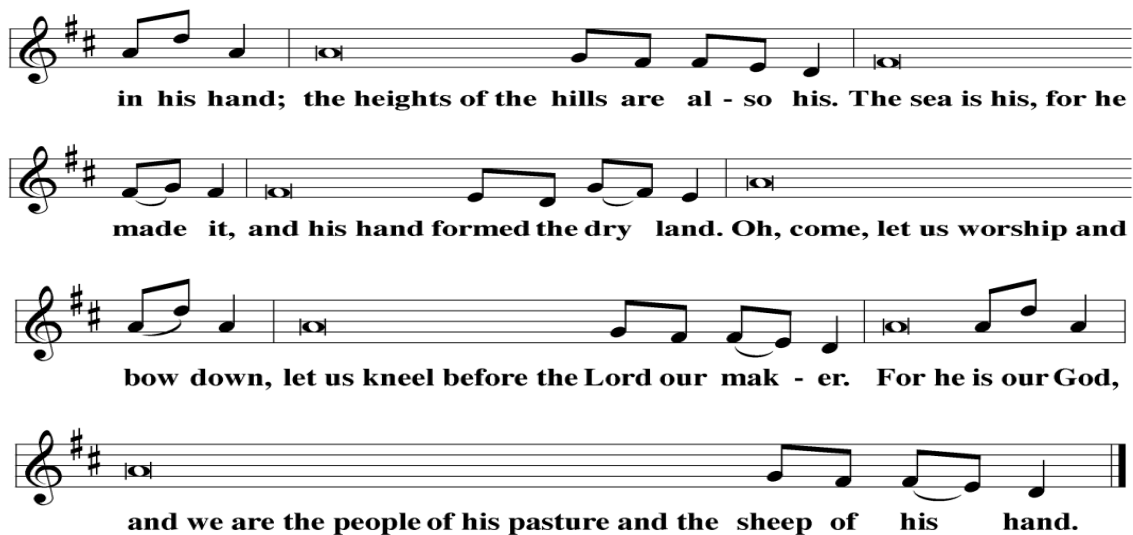
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, has said.”

<sup>14</sup> Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!” <sup>16</sup> The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!” (EHV)

*Refrain*

Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;\*  
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;\*  
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;\*  
For you are my rock and my fortress.

*Refrain*

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,\*  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,\*  
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,\*  
your might to all who are to come.

**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*

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter when he grew up. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated with God’s people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. <sup>26</sup> He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

<sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king’s wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down. (EHV)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b 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:**

**John 6:60-69**

<sup>60</sup> When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

<sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? <sup>62</sup> What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father.” <sup>66</sup> After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” (EHV)

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Rise, Shine, You People



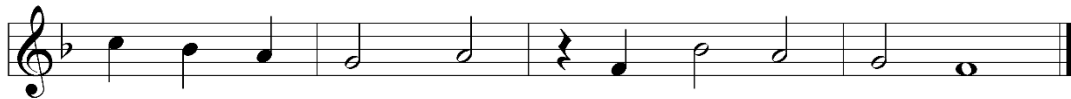
1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out  
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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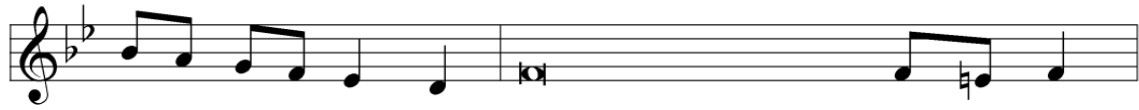
SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

# WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



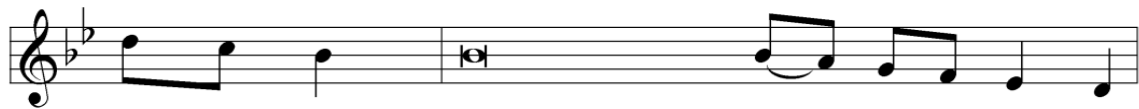
**C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,**



**Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,**



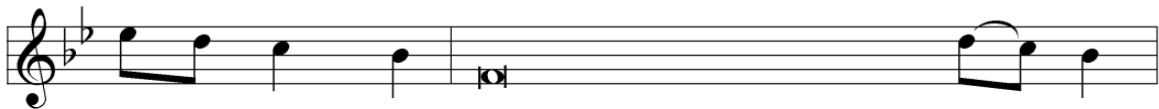
**cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of**



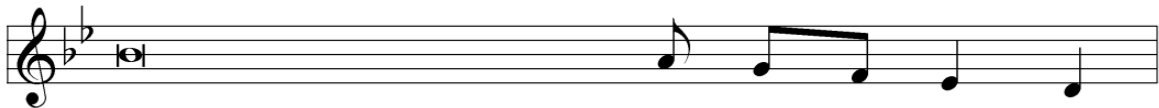
**heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.**



**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of**



**proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**



**Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:**



**Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,**

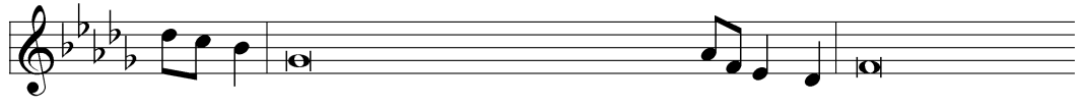




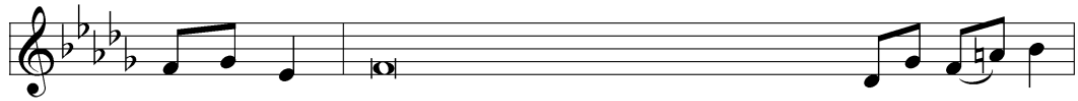
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

**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.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



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

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### 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

**P:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any 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:** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

## BLESSING



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

TRUST

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How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints  
 2 “Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be  
 3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned  
 4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path -  
 5 “Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your  
 not dis - mayed; For I am your  
 for re - pose I will not, I  
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf -  
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What  
 God and will still give you aid; I'll  
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That  
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The  
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more can he say than to you  
 strength - en you, help you, and cause  
 soul, though all hell should en - deav -  
 flames will not hurt you; I on -  
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the  
 you to stand, Up - held by my  
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no  
 ly de - sign Your dross to con -  
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!  
 some and your gold to re - fine.  
 still on my shoul - ders be borne.”

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck

Quartet: Bryan and Deanna Schneck with Stephanie and Pastor Sitzman

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Greg Sitzman: 734-309-7877; [gsitzman@zionmonroe.org](mailto:gsitzman@zionmonroe.org)

Principal: Bryan Schneck: 907-331-7761; [bschneck@zionmonroe.org](mailto:bschneck@zionmonroe.org)

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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 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 ([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 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 – NO Sunday School or Youth Group
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Friday	Zion School Closed/Office Closed
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study – NO Sunday School or Youth Group

### August Volunteers

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

**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.**

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](mailto: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 .

### 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.



# 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](mailto: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 money 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!





# Killarney Lutheran Campground

## **Labor Day Weekend PIG ROAST**

Sunday, September 1, Noon – 3:00pm

Under the main pavilion at Killarney Lutheran Camp,  
1200 Chisholm Rd, Onsted, MI 49265.

Pork plates for (\$15) will be available.

The plates will include two sides, dessert, and beverage.  
A free-will offering above these prices can be made, with the  
proceeds funding campground projects.

**Come and spend the afternoon!**  
**Swimming, hiking, boating, volleyball**

All proceeds are used for Camp Killarney projects.

Camp Killarney is located on the shores of Killarney Lake in the beautiful  
Irish Hills, and offers a Family Camp and other activities through an  
association of WELS congregations in Southeast Michigan.