

Beautiful Hands

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11 & 15, 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: The truth that received such beautiful emphasis in last Sunday's readings is again considered this Sunday. Our Lord does all things well. But that is an article of faith, not sight. Trials and tribulations may last a long time, so long that we are tempted to give up the hope created by the gospel. What then will be our comfort, what our cure? Only the gospel promise itself, a promise whose fulfillment is assured by the suffering and the victory of the same Savior, who still does all things well.

This is the Seventeenth 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

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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!

OPENING HYMN: CW 422



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt. Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

P: The grace of our Lord (\P) 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 (\P) 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.

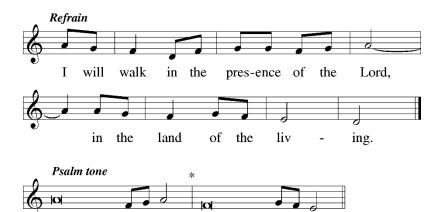
P: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson Jeremiah 38:1-13

38 Shephatiah son of Mattah, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah had told the people when he said, ² "This is what the LORD says. Whoever remains in this city will die by sword, famine, and plague, but whoever goes over to the Chaldeans will live. He will escape with his life, and he will live. ³ This is what the LORD says. This city will surely be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it." ⁴ Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death because he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in the city. He is demoralizing all the people by saying these things to them. This man is not seeking the welfare of the people. He wants to hurt them." ⁵ King Zedekiah answered, "Very well. He is in your hands. The king cannot do anything to stop you." ⁶ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They let Jeremiah down by ropes. There was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. ⁷ Ebed Melek the Cushite, an official in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, ⁸ Ebed Melek left the palace and said to the king, "My lord the king, everything that these men have done to Jeremiah the prophet is evil. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he is likely to die because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city." 10 Then the king gave orders to Ebed Melek the Cushite: "Take thirty men from here under your command and lift Jeremiah the prophet up out of the cistern before he dies." 11 So Ebed Melek took command of the men and entered a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and wornout clothing from there, and he lowered them with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. ¹² Ebed Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes." After Jeremiah did that, ¹³ they lifted him up with the ropes and pulled him out of the cistern. After this Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard. (EHV)



I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice;* he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me,*

I will call on him as long <u>as</u> I live.

The Lord is gracious and <u>right</u>eous;* when I was in great need, he <u>saved</u> me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling.

How can I repay the Lord* for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal<u>va</u>tion* and call on the name of the LORD.

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

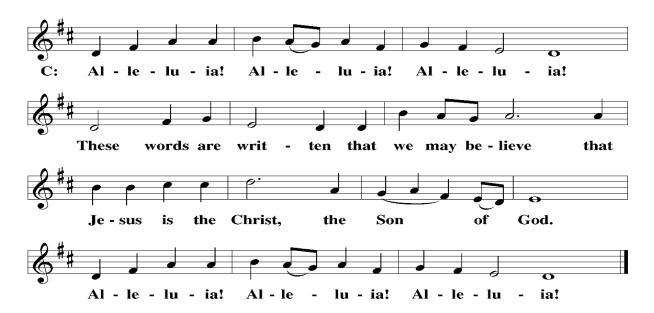
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SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 4:12-19

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶ But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if it is hard for the righteous to be saved, where will the ungodly sinner end up? ¹⁹ So let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to their faithful Creator while doing what is good. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus went away with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ They told him, "John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But who do you say I am?" he asked them. Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³² He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 453

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

COMMITMENT

453 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

Beautiful Hands

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: 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.

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





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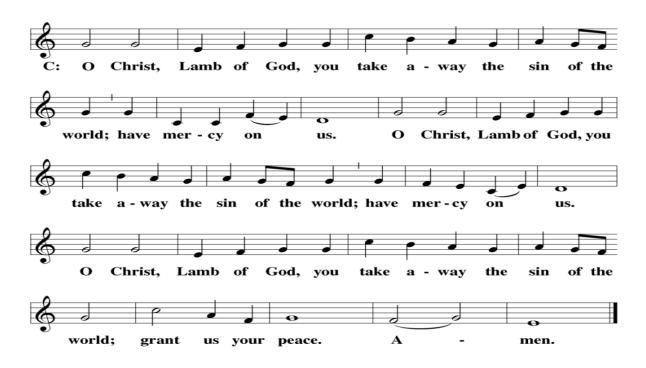
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



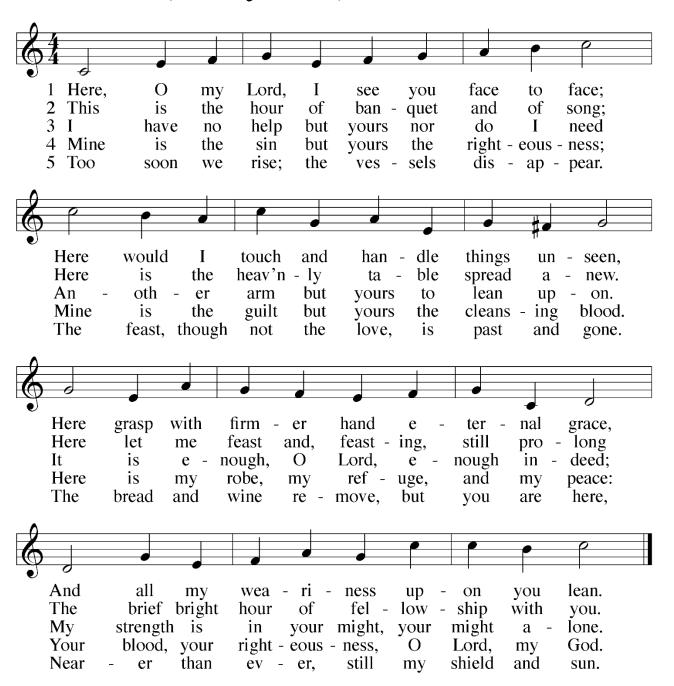
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 315

CW 465

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"
"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.

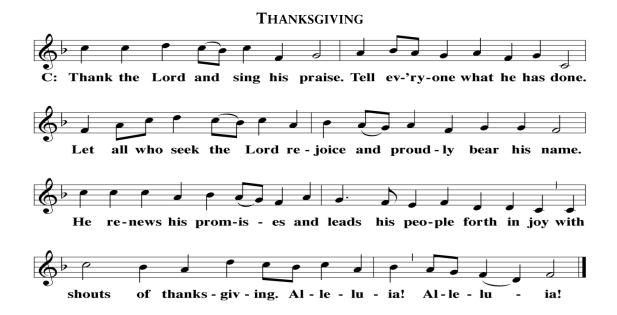
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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, abr., alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.



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.

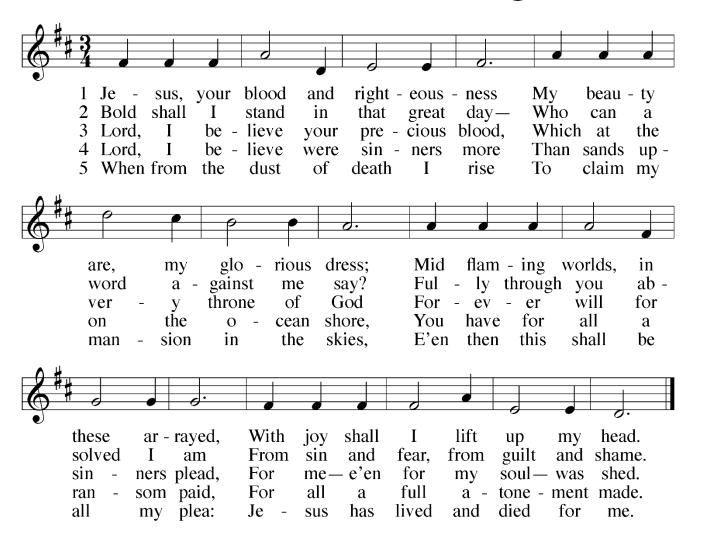
The Lord look on you with favor and $(\mathbf{\$})$ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 376 (vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6) "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

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Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

Tune: St. Crispin (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck 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 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.

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 and Sunday School

1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

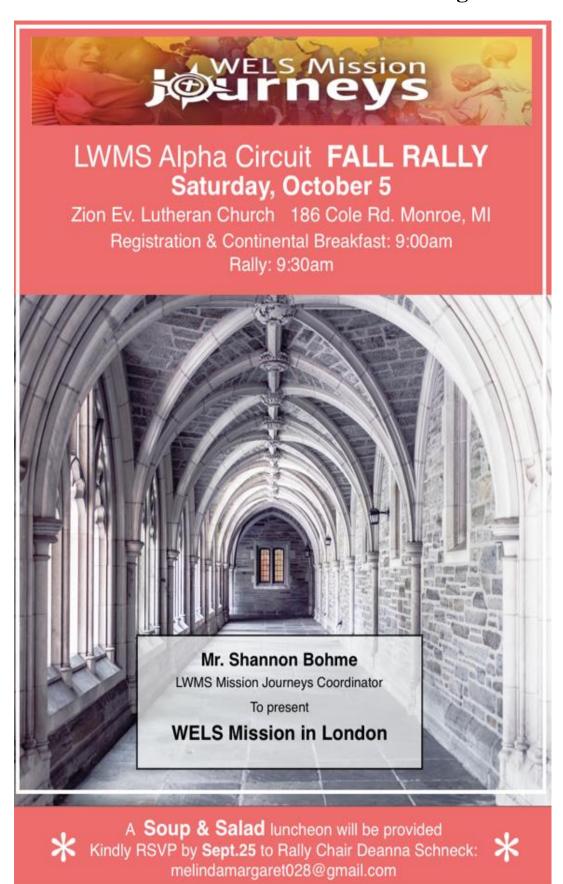
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September Volunteers

	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	Aug. 28 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Sept. 1 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Sept. 4 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Sept. 8 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Sept. 11 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Sept. 15 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Sept. 18 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier Sept. 22 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	Sept. 25 KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Sept. 29 KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	Aug. 28 Ken Vagt Sept. 1 Jake Burke Erich Freiny		Sept. 11 Ken Vagt Sept. 15 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church is hosting:



Friends in Faith

adies Night Out Painting Party





Sunday, October 20th 5:30PM-7:30PM

Join us for a night of fun at the Painting Barn.

2170 E Newburg Road Carleton, MI 48117

There are lots of door hangers or 30 inch wood leaner sign options to look at when you click the link or QR code below.

Door Hanger \$50 30 inch Wood Leaner Sign \$55

Register:

Zion Monroe Church | thepaintingbarn



MAKE ALL OF LIFE BETTER

Light Refreshments will be provided. The door hanger is around 18 inches in diameter depending on the one you choose.

If more then 16 ladies sign up the location will change to Zion's gymnasium.

If you have any questions contact Stepfanie Sitzman - 262-343-8167

Friends in Faith Christian Book Study



Sunday, November 3rd 6PM-8PM

Read the book:

Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better

By: Brant Hansen

over the next 2 months and join us for an informal discussion.

Available to read at Monroe County Library or purchase on Amazon. It is also available to listen to as an audiobook.

If you have any questions contact Brenda Chandonnet - 734-915-5477