



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Second Sunday of End Time – Last Judgement

November 6 & 10, 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 readings for this Sunday set in sharp contrast the attitudes of believers and unbelievers. The attitude of the unbeliever to any talk of a judgment by God can only be denial or terror. But the attitude of a child of God is formed by the Word of God. As that Word has created his faith during his life on earth, so it molds his confidence in the face of death and judgment. Both the Word of God and the faith it creates will be seen as fully vindicated by death and judgment. Therefore, we look forward to death by which we pass into the courtroom of God to hear the "Not guilty!" verdict, which brought us to faith in the first place. There is no better preparations for death and judgment than a firm clinging to that gracious verdict; there is no better life than the one that has that verdict as its center and its motivation for all that we do.

This is the Second Sunday in the season of End Time. During these four Sundays, the Church focuses on the fulfillment of Christ's promises and encouragement for the Church. We live in the last days and in this season, Jesus wants us to remember his promise, "behold, I am coming soon!" The red paraments for the first two Sundays of the season of End Time are used to remind us of the color of martyrdom and the victorious truth of Christian teaching based on the blood of Christ. The cross on the paraments reminds us of the reason we worship and are able to look forward to the Last Day with longing, instead of dread.

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!

END TIME

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I Know of a Sleep in Jesus’ Name



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus’ name, A
 2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair When
 3 God’s Son to our graves then makes his way; His
 4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed And



rest from all toil and sor - row; Earth folds in her
 ti - dings of joy shall wake us, When songs from on
 voice hear all tribes and na - tions; The trum - pet of
 take me in - to your keep - ing And say when my



arms my wea - ry frame And shel - ters it till the
 high shall fill the air And God to his glo - ry
 God will sound the day And shake all the earth’s foun -
 spir - it hence is fled, “This child is not dead, but



mor - row. My soul is at home with God in
 take us, When Je - sus shall bid us rise from
 da - tions. He calls out a - loud, “O dead, come
 sleep - ing.” And leave me not, Sav - ior, till I



heav’n; My sor - rows are past and o - ver.
 sleep— How joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
 forth!” In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
 rise To praise you in life e - ter - nal.

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
 Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

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: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

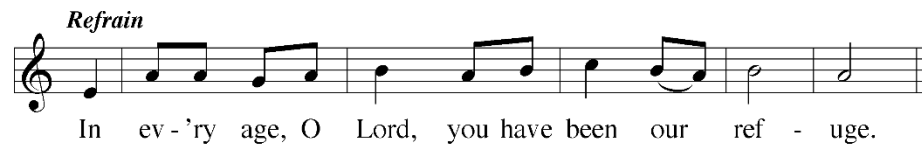
First Lesson

Malachi 4:1-3

4 Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the Lord of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. ³ You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the Lord of Armies. (EHV)

Psalm 90

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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

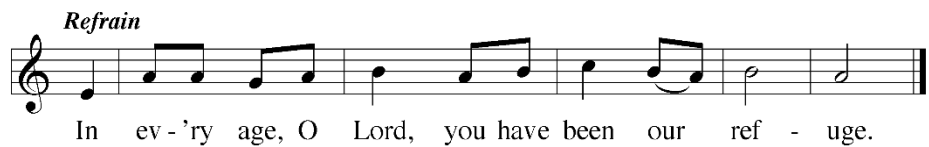
You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

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 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵ And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸ so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him. (EHV)

ZION SCHOOL GRADES 3-8 SING (*Sunday Only*)

“Grace”

GOSPEL:

John 5:19-30

¹⁹ Jesus answered them directly, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes. ²² “In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ “Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his

voice ²⁹ and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ I can do nothing at all on my own. I judge only as I hear. And my judgment is just, for I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me. (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 382

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

JUSTIFICATION

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness

er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: John 5:19-30

Jesus Is Our Judge

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.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(Sunday only) Zion School Chimes A*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

P: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

P: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

P: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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 25*

“The King Shall Come”

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

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.

TRUST

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

For your devotional reading this week: Next Sunday is Saint’s Triumphant. As we approach the end of all things and the great Day of Judgment, we want to make sure we have it all straight; the readings for next Sunday help us prepare by their careful description of what is to come, so that we will not fear as we look to and long for the day of his appearing. Rather, clinging to his grace in Word and Sacraments we strive to live as though who know what to expect at the end of it all.

Next Sunday’s lessons are Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-18 and John 5:25-29.

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul had a pre-call meeting on Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. It was a good meeting and now the next step in the process is to have a call meeting. The date for the call meeting is **Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. @ Zion.**

POINSETTIA SALES: We know it is early and the seasons are changing quickly but we have to start planning for the holidays. The order forms for purchasing poinsettia plants are located in both foyers. We are able to keep the cost the same as last year which is \$11 per plant. Please place orders on the office desk. All orders will have to be collected no later than **Sunday, November 24th.**

BAKE SALE: November 24th—Friends in Faith is having a Bake Sale after the church service on Sunday, November 24th. All proceeds are going to help purchase artificial lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA: Save the Date- **December 1st, 2024.** Our annual Advent Tea is fast approaching! All women are invited to come and enjoy an evening of Christian Fellowship and Music of the Season. There is a luncheon with tea. There is a sign-up in the West foyer. Hostesses are needed! Please call Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477 if you have any questions or would like to host.

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.

THRIVENT SEMINAR: Zion will be hosting a budgeting seminar on Sunday November 17th led by Thrivent financial advisor Jeff Sitzman. There will be two sessions: The first will focus on budgeting basics. The second will focus on long-term financial goals. Thrivent will provide lunch for attendees between the two sessions.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
	1:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Thrivent Seminar
	1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

November Volunteers

	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3	Nov. 6 & 10	Nov. 13 & 17	Nov. 20 & 24	Nov. 28 & Dec.1
Altar Guild		Deb Sachs	& Ana Liparoto		
Live Stream Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Nov. 28 – Rob Krueger Dec. 1 – Ryan Roth
Ushers	<p><u>Oct. 30</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Nov. 6</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>Nov. 10</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>Nov. 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>Nov. 20</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>Nov. 24</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>Nov. 28</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Dec. 1</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><u>Oct. 30</u> Alan Bober</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u> Ron Krueger Mark Kipf</p>		<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Ken Vagt</p> <p><u>Nov. 17</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson</p>		<p><u>Dec. 1</u> Jake Burke Mark Kipf</p>