

**Enjoy the Blessing of Christ-centered Relationships** 

#### ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

## IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2 & 6, 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**: Many periscope series devote one Sunday each half of the church year to the special role of the family in God's divine providence. This is such a Sunday. The closest we can get to a mirror of the love of God for us is the mirror of the love that he wants us to have for one another in the family. The goal of family members is to reflect the love of God for us in self-giving love for one another in the family. How tragic that in our society such a mirror is clouded indeed! There is much to repent of and much to strive toward.

This is the Twentieth 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: Common Service** 

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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 handheld 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!

**OPENING HYMN:** CW 341

REDEEMER

## 341

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns**



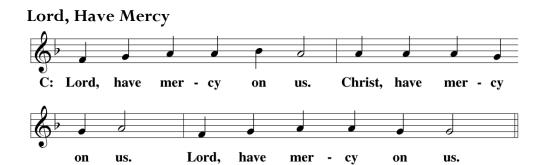
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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



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 (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." <sup>19</sup> Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. <sup>21</sup> The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. <sup>22</sup> The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called "woman," because she was taken out of man. <sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh. (EHV)

#### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 139b

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O LORD, you created my inmost <u>being</u>;\* you knit me together in my <u>moth</u>er's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder<u>ful</u>ly made;\* your works are wonderful, I know that <u>full</u> well.

My frame was not hidden <u>from</u> you;\* your eyes saw my unformed <u>body</u>.

## Refrain





All the days or<u>dained</u> for me\* were written in your book before one of them <u>came</u> to be.

How precious to me are your <u>thoughts</u>, O God!\*
How vast is the <u>sum</u> of them!

Were I to <u>count</u> them,\* they would outnumber the <u>grains</u> of sand.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

#### Refrain

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SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2:9-11

<sup>9</sup> But we look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he suffered death. <sup>10</sup> Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. (EHV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12 cf. RSV)



**GOSPEL** 



Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He replied, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup> In the house his disciples asked him about this again. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup> Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (EHV)



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 353 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

## 353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800–79.

**SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: Mark 10:2-16** 

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#### CREATE IN ME



**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

#### 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

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

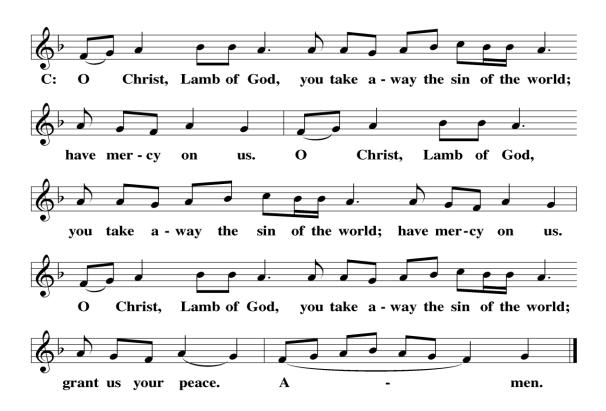
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

**DISTRIBUTION** 

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** CWS 740 CW 265

"Draw Near"
"This Is the Feast of Victory"

740 **Draw Near** Refrain Draw draw near! Take the bod - y near, Draw of your Lord. near, draw near! 1-4 Drink blood for out - poured! the you To verses | Last time Verses 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord, 2 Re - deem God's e - ter - nal Son, Christ our er, 3 Let faith - ful hearts sin - cere ap-proach with us 4 With heav'n - ly bread makes the hun - gry whole, he drink the And ho - ly blood for out-poured. you his cross and blood the Has by vic t'ry won. take the pledg - es And of sal - va tion here. Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst ing soul. Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With gave his life for Him -He great - est and for least, Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In To Refrain souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God. of - f'ring self the and him - self the Priest. all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends. this great feast love be with of us now.

This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.

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# This Is the Feast of Victory



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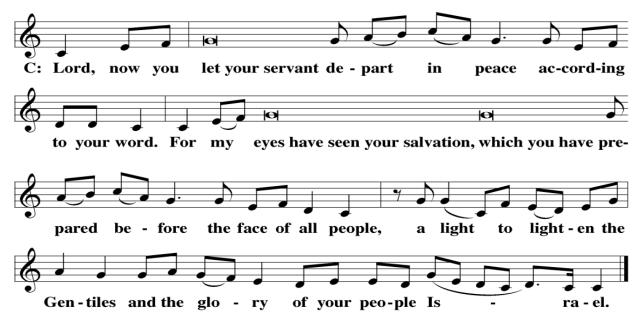
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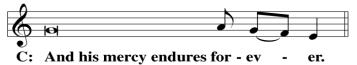
#### **THANKSGIVING**

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

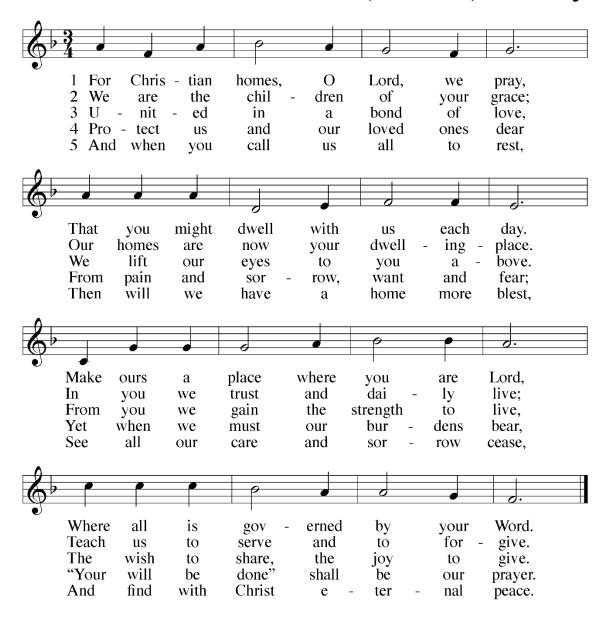
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



#### Closing Hymn: CW 500

**CHRISTIAN HOME** 

# For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray



Richard S. Armstrong, b. 1924, st. 1, 3-5, abr., alt. Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2, alt. St. 1, 3-5 from *Book of Worship for U.S. Forces*, published by U.S. Government Printing Office. St. 2 © 1993 Mark A. Jeske. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien, 1742, alt.

#### Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

<sup>\*</sup>ALL CHURCH SERVICE AND MUSIC ITEMS ARE PRINTED UNDER ONE LICENSE — A-717618.

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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 is set for **Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** 

**THANK YOU:** We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased and volunteered for the mums. We were able to sell over 700 mums and made over \$3500. Thank you again for making this fundraiser such a great success.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> – Next scheduled meeting @ 11:30 a.m. October 20<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Night Out – The Painting Barn @ 5:30 p.m.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christian Book Study @ 6:00 p.m.

November 24<sup>th</sup> – Fall Bake Sale after church service

There are flyers with additional information for these activities on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**ZION FALL CLEAN-UP:** The Trustees are planning on having the Zion Church and School Fall Clean-up on Sat., October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. the rain out date is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many hands make quick work so the more volunteers we have to beautify our grounds the quicker it will get done.

**HARVEST PARTY:** Zion School will be having their annual harvest party on Fri., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. There are many activities scheduled. Please see the back table for all the information.

**KILLARNEY FALLFEST:** Killarney is hosting a Fallfest on Fri.-Sat., Oct. 18-19<sup>th</sup>. There is an informational flyer on the back table. Please think of attending and enjoying Camp Killarney in the fall.

**WLS FOOD BANK DRIVE:** We are again supporting the WLS Food Bank. Starting this week we will have a table in the west foyer for you to leave donated items. See the back table for the items they are needing for this 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 (<a href="www.MealTrain.com">www.MealTrain.com</a>) 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

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

1:30 Worship Service (IC)5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wed.-Fri. Zion Closed – Teacher Conference

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thurs.-Fri. Office Closed due to Septic Repairs

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Meeting

## **October Volunteers**

	Oct. 2 & 6	Oct. 9 & 13	Oct. 16 & 20	Oct. 23 & 27	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3
Altar Guild		Helen Heusman & Lorrie Koenig			
Live Stream	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl
Helpers					
Ushers	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
	Dave Benge	Ray Chandonnet	Jake Burke	Tony Affholter	Dave Benge
	Alan Bober	Erich Freiny	Rich Heusman	Jeff Douglas	Alan Bober
	Matthew Hill	Rob Krueger	Jeff Heusman	Mark Fuerstenberg	Matthew Hill
	Joe Koch	Matthew Loos	Juergen Koenig	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch
	Jeremy Robinson	Zach Turner	Matt McCormick		Jeremy Robinson
	Jacob Robinson		Zach McCormick	Oct. 27	Jacob Robinson
	William Robinson	Oct. 13		Tony Affholter	William Robinson
		Ray Chandonnet	Oct. 20	Jeff Douglas	
	<u>Oct. 6</u>	Erich Freiny	Jake Burke	Mark Fuerstenberg	<u>Nov. 3</u>
	Dave Benge	Rob Krueger	Rich Heusman	Ray Palmatier	Dave Benge
	Alan Bober	Matthew Loos	Jeff Heusman		Alan Bober
	Matthew Hill	Zach Turner	Juergen Koenig		Matthew Hill
	Joe Koch		Matt McCormick		Joe Koch
	Jeremy Robinson		Zach McCormick		Jeremy Robinson
	Jacob Robinson				Jacob Robinson
	William Robinson				William Robinson
Communion	Oct. 2		Oct, 16		Oct. 30
Helpers	Alan Bober		Ken Vagt		Alan Bober
	Oct. 6		Oct. 20		<u>Nov. 3</u>
	Jeff Heusman		Erich Freiny		Jeff Heusman
	Mark Kipf		Jake Burke		Mark Kipf