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**DEUTERONOMY 18**



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 & 31, 2021

**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 joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** Christ, as our prophet, brings us God's truth. Christ's love leads us to speak and use that truth lovingly.

THE GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD



Opening Hymn: CW 250

“From All that Dwell below the Skies”

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

250 From All that Dwell below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your



praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till



ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!  
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623, alt.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\dagger$  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 know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

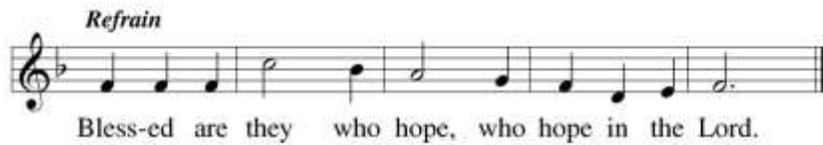


## THE WORD

**First Lesson:**

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone supposes that he knows something, he does not yet know the way he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, this person has been known by him. <sup>4</sup> So, concerning the eating of food from idol sacrifices, we know that an idol is not anything real in the world and that there is no God but one. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even if there are so-called “gods,” whether in the heavens or on earth (as in fact there are many “gods” and many “lords”), <sup>6</sup> nevertheless for us there is one God—the Father, from whom all things exist and we exist for him—and one Lord—Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist and we exist through him. <sup>7</sup> However, that knowledge is not in everyone. Instead some, who are still affected by their former habit with the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not bring us closer to God. We do not lack anything if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> And be careful that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone sees you, a person who has knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of this man, weak as he is, be emboldened to eat food from an idol sacrifice? <sup>11</sup> You see, the weak person is being destroyed by your knowledge—the brother for whose sake Christ died! <sup>12</sup> And when you sin in this way against your brothers and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I do not cause my brother to sin. (EHV)



Blessed is the man  
 who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
 or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
 which yields its fruit in season\*  
 and whose leaf does not wither.  
 Whatever he does prospers.

*Refrain*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\*  
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\*  
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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>21</sup> Then they went into Capernaum. On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee. (EHV)

Hymn of the Day: CW 283 (vs. 1-3)

“Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”

WORD OF GOD

283 Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord, Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs, Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure,  
 You give peace and words of par - don,  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing,  
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638-83, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: WERLDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. <sup>16</sup>That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup>Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.” (EHV)

## **“JESUS, PLEASE DO IT FOR ME.”**

### **Responsive 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.

Hymn: *CW 359*

“Jesus, My Great High Priest”

REDEEMER

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## Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

## Collect Prayer

## Benediction



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

WORD OF GOD

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 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 You give peace and words of par - don.  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
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Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck

Liturgist: Pastor Ross Ulrich

Preacher: Pastor Jon Baumann

**WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY:** Zion Elders and Council have decided at this time that with still being in Phase 4 of COVID-19 we are going to maintain the current worship schedule. So there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Class or Youth Group. **Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 9th @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Jan. 21 for February. The Worship schedule will be reviewed again on February 18 for March. Thank you for your patience.

**CALL NEWS:**

✝ Zion's 1st & 2nd grade teacher, Michelle has received a divine call to teach Kindergarten @ Trinity L.C., Jenera, OH. She has been led to decline Trinity's call. We are grateful that Mrs. Roth will continue with us @ Zion.

✝ Zion has called Pastor James Hein of St. Marcus L.C., Milwaukee, WI. to be our associate pastor. Please keep him in your prayers that he be led to serve where the Lord wants him to serve. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

**VOTER'S MEETING @ NOON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

**YEAR-END STATEMENTS:** Year-end statements are available in the office for you to pick up. If they are not picked up by February 1st we will be mailing them out.

**THANK YOU:**

To Zion Congregation,

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and memorials you sent for our loving husband, father and grandfather who has passed. It was sincerely appreciated. Your expression of sympathy will be with us through this sad time. Special Thank You to Pastor Ulrich for all you have done for our family.

Sincerely,  
The Tom Norman family

To Zion Congregation,

We want to thank our Heavenly Father for 30 years of marriage blessings. He has always been by our side He has never left us and we look forward to 30 more years together God willing. We also want to thank the congregation for all their prayers and support in this most difficult time for our family, we could never have done it without your prayers.

In Christ Love,  
Kevin and Virginia Kohler

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- 1) While we are not mandating the use of masks for worship, we encourage those who want to wear them to do so. Please feel comfortable whatever your sensitivities.
- 2) We are roping off the pews so that social distancing can be maintained. Please recognize what seating is available and what is not available.
- 3) Make sure to sanitize your seat and surrounding area. Wipes are available in the back of the church on both sides. Please make use of them.
- 4) Pastor Ulrich will be keeping his distance from everyone. Although he would like nothing better than to shake your hand or give a hug, it is not wise to do so at this time. Please abide by this for now.
- 5) Please call church (734)242-1378 to reserve yourself a seat for worship. This is especially helpful for services. If you call ahead, we will know better how many bulletins to run off. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THESE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR NOW.

### COMING UP AT ZION ....

Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service NOON Quarterly Voter's Meeting featuring 2020 Annual Reports
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Board of Elders
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Jan. 3	Jan. 6 & 10	Jan. 13 & 17	Jan. 20 & 24	Jan. 27 & 31
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé</p>	<p><u>Jan. 6</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>Jan. 10</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Jan. 13</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>Jan. 17</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>Jan. 20</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>Jan. 24</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé</p>	<p><u>Jan. 27</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>Jan. 31</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>