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Proverbs 3: 9 & 10

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Thanksgiving

November 25 & 26, 2020

**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.

OPENING HYMN: CW 256

**"How Great Thou Art"**

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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**How Great Thou Art**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,  
And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,  
When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing  
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion

Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.  
And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,  
He bled and died to take a-way my sin.  
And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, "How great thou  
art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my  
Sav-ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O, Lord I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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P: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

P: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

P: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

P: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

HYMN: CW 234 (v. 4)

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.**

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

HYMN: *CW 234 (v. 5)*

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all this is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!**

THIRD LESSON

**Matthew 13:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup>"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup> " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'

TRUST

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## On Eagles’ Wings

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To

bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: “My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!”  
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles’ wings, Bear you on the  
 breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And  
 hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

## Proverbs 3:9 &amp; 10

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## THE LORD SUPPLIES WANTS AND NEEDS



Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely,  
With happy heart its Amen sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and eternal hope.

**C: This would have been enough for us; more than we deserve.**

P: We thank and praise you, gracious God, in your love you sent your one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

**C: This would have been enough for us; more than we deserve.**

P: We thank and praise you gracious Lord, for the gift of faith by which we have been made heirs of eternal life.

**C: This would have been enough for us; more than we deserve.**

P: We thank and praise you gracious God, for the gift of life and health, and the many earthly blessings you give to us.

**C: This would have been enough for us, more than we deserve.**

P: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the spread and growth of your kingdom in all the earth to the glory of your name and the salvation of souls.

**C: Help us in our mission and lead us in thankful living today and always.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**C: Amen.**



## The Old Rugged Cross

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*Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross . . .*

—Hebrews 12:2

George Bennard

RUGGED CROSS  
George Bennard

1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of  
 2 O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-  
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous  
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re -

1 suf-fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best  
 2 trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a-bove  
 3 beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died  
 4 proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,

1 For a world of lost sin-ners was slain.  
 2 To bear it to dark Cal-va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged  
 3 To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.  
 4 Where His glo - ry for-ev - er I'll share.

cross, 'Til my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the  
 old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.

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THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER:** 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, Dec. 8th @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Nov. 19 for December. The Worship schedule will be reviewed on December 17 for January. Thank you for your patience.

**PRE-CALL MEETING**

Plan to attend this CONGREGATIONAL Meeting with  
WELS Michigan District President Pastor Gene Sims on  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th at 6:30 p.m.**

The purpose of this meeting is for Pastor Sims to gather information, insight, and input from Zion in order to prepare call lists for Zion to call an associate pastor.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th at 6:30 p.m.** is scheduled  
for our Pre-Call Meeting.

**CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS**

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13 years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl ([sjsordahl@gmail.com](mailto:sjsordahl@gmail.com)) or the office for more information.

**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 the holiday services. **THANK YOU.**

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

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - If you have not designated your Thrivent Choice dollars to a charitable organization, please consider directing them to Killarney Lutheran Camp. If this name does not register, type in the address: 1200 Chisholm Road, Onsted, MI 49265. Thank you for supporting Killarney Lutheran Camp.

**SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip has added a mobile app to help make shopping with Scrip even more convenient. The app is called RaiseRight. You can find it on any mobile platform. Take a look at it and see how this convenient way can help raise money for Zion School. Thank you.

#### **HVL NEWS :**

Giving Tuesday, December 1

All friends and supporters of HVL are invited to participate in a special day of giving! Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in this campaign to support the ongoing ministry at HVL of "Preparing Students for Life". To participate in this special event, go to our website between November 16 and December 1, at [www.HVLHS.org](http://www.HVLHS.org) and click on "Giving Tuesday". Thank you for all your support!

HVL Craft & Vendor Show Canceled for 2020

Due to gathering restrictions we will be unable to host this event for 2020, but we look forward to hosting again in December, 2021.

International Host Families - We may have the possibility of enrolling additional international students for the second semester. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about hosting an international student this would be a great opportunity to try it out. Hosting would be needed from January-May, and families would receive a \$3500 stipend for the 5 months of hosting. Call the school office for more information.

#### **COMING UP AT ZION ....**

Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
Thursday	10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
Saturday	10-11:00 a.m. Visitation for Howard Pitcher 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Howard Pitcher
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service
Monday	6:30 p.m. Pre-call Meeting

#### **COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS**

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions this year there will be no

- 1) Advent Tea
- 2) Christmas for Kids, or
- 3) In-Person Zion School Christmas Service

We are sorry we can't celebrate the season like we have in the past with these activities. Yet, we are grateful that we can and will celebrate Christmas with In-Person Worship.

#### **CHURCH DECORATING**

Zion decorates the church sanctuary for Christmas after the 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29. This year in order to keep our distance from one another, Brenda Chandonnet is happy to coordinate who and what. If you have volunteered in the past, please call Brenda (734) 915-5477. Or call the office (734) 242-1378 and sign-up with Amy. If you have not volunteered before but would like to volunteer, call wither Brenda or Amy. THANKS. We would like to have the sanctuary decorated between Sun., Nov. 29 after the 2nd service and Wed., Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

### Offerings for Week Ending 11/22/20

	General Fund		Missions	
Weekly	Budgeted	\$8,733	Budgeted	\$782
	Received	\$2,729	Received	\$740
		(\$6,004)		(\$42)
Year to Date	Budgeted	\$410,452	Budgeted	\$36,766
	Received	\$333,993	Received	\$31,272
		(\$76,459)		(\$5,493)

### DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Dec. 2	7:00 p.m. 1st Midweek Advent Worship Service (IC)
Dec. 6	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship Service (IC)
Dec. 8	1:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service (IC)
Dec. 9	7:00 p.m. 2nd Midweek Advent Worship Service
Dec. 13	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday in Advent Worship Service
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m. 3rd Midweek Advent Worship Service (IC)
Dec. 20	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service (IC)
	Zion School Christmas Service will be available to view online.
Dec. 23	NO WORSHIP SERVICE
Dec. 24	7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Lessons and Carols
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service
Dec. 27	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Dec. 30 & 31	NO WORSHIP SERVICE

### DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Dec. 2 & 6	Dec. 9 & 13	Dec. 16 & 20	Dec. 24 & 25	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
ALTAR GUILD	Sue Moore					
USHERS	<u>Dec. 2</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg  <u>Dec. 6</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Dave Krueger Marc Kipf  <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Dec. 9</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé  <u>Dec. 13</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux  <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Dec. 16</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson  <u>Dec. 20</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie  <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé	<u>Dec. 24</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick  <u>Dec. 25</u> <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Dave Krueger Marc Kipf	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux  <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé