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John 15:11

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5 & 9, 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 the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** The Savior's great love for us is the guiding principle in our lives, and this love unites us as we love one another.

**Liturgy: Service of the Word**

*CW pg. 38*

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!  
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: 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.*

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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

Acts 11:19-26

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that took place at the time of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some men from Cyprus and Cyrene who came to Antioch and also began to speak to the Greeks, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number of people believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> A report about this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go on to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw God's grace, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man who was full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a large number of people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. <sup>26</sup> When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. (EHV)

*Refrain*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*

Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known\*  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness  
to the house of Israel;\*  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

*Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,\*  
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.\*  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**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*

## Second Lesson

## 1 John 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. Alleluia. (John 15:11cf. EHV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

JUSTIFICATION

377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death  
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No  
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -  
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -  
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my  
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -  
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful  
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture  
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er  
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -  
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -  
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God  
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still  
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer  
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned  
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry  
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing  
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my  
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -  
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won, How dear - ly it has cost him!  
 hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.  
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another. (EHV)

## **HERE’S HOW OUR JOY MAY BE COMPLETE**

### **APOSTLES’ 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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 377 (vs. 6-9)*

*Music from before sermon*

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

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| 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,<br>Was born of virgin mother,<br>And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,<br>He came to be my brother.<br>No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;<br>A servant's form like mine he bore<br>To lead the devil captive. | 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,<br>Me of my life bereaving.<br>All this I suffer for your good;<br>Be steadfast and believing.<br>Life shall from death the vict'ry win;<br>My innocence shall bear your sin,<br>And you are blest forever. |
| 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—<br>I am your rock and castle.<br>Your ransom I myself will be;<br>For you I strive and wrestle.<br>For I am yours, your friend divine,<br>And evermore you shall be mine;<br>The foe shall not divide us.   | 9 "Now to my Father I depart,<br>The Holy Spirit sending<br>And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,<br>My help to you extending.<br>He will a source of comfort be,<br>Teach you to know and follow me,<br>And in all truth will guide you.                  |
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
Be all your life and teaching;  
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws  
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524.

## BENEDICTION

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.



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.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 356 (v. 1)

“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

REDEEMER

### 356 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -  
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.



Officiants

Accompanist: Wed. – Deanna Schneck

Sun. - Kayla Liechty

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

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**WORSHIP FOR MAY:**

Zion has scheduled worship on Sundays @ 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. We plan on in-person Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Youth Group at 9:30 a.m. We will keep this schedule (God-willing) through Sun., May 23.

**PRIVATE COMMUNION:** Pastor Ulrich is available for private communion by appointment. Please contact him at church (734)242-1378 or home (734) 240-3888. He will be happy to schedule a time to serve you.

**CALL NEWS:**

✝ Zion had called Pastor Benjamin Radtke, St. Martin's Lutheran church of Watertown, South Dakota to be our associate pastor. Please keep Pastor Radtke in your prayers as he deliberates his call to Zion.

✝ Zion has called Ryan Roth to be our 3-5th grade teacher. Mr. Roth has accepted our call. Thanks be to God.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who made the Red Cross Blood Drive a success. We were able to help with 38 units being donated.

**THANK YOU:**

Dear Zion family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your generous outpouring of support during my time at Martin Luther College. I am finishing up my sophomore year at MLC, working toward a double major in Elementary Education and Secondary Communication Arts and Literature.

While I was preparing for my final exams and projects these last couple weeks of school, I was very thankful to receive news that Zion has once again chosen to participate in Martin Luther College's Congregational Partner Grant Program. In this program MLC matches a congregation's grant, dollar for dollar, up to \$1,000. Zion has once again, generously gone above and beyond with their contributions this year, and I am truly grateful for the support.

In addition to great financial support, I have appreciated all of the words of encouragement and prayers that I have received during my time away at school. Lord willing, I will graduate from MLC in 2024 and receive a call to one of our WELS elementary or high schools. Thank you again for your support and for your prayers. I am looking forward to being home soon and being able to see everyone again.

In Christ,

Olivia Krueger

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING:** The annual outdoor clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to come and help make Zion look beautiful outside please come. This is a great way to share your talents and enjoy the wonderful outdoors and fresh air. Thank you for considering this time to help.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Zion School is having a book fair from Wednesday, May 12 – Sunday, May 16 in the Zion gymnasium. Wednesday – Friday it will be from 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday will be from 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sunday will be from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading! From pre-school to middle, reading is always a great activity for those lazy summer days! As always, through Scholastic's rewards, your purchase helps Zion's school library and classrooms keep the latest and greatest books available for our students.

### **MLS SUMMER CAMPS**

Information is now available for Michigan Lutheran Seminary summer camps. You can visit [www.mlsem.org/summercamps](http://www.mlsem.org/summercamps) for details on dates, times, and prices. You can also register for camps as well. We will not be offering any overnight camps this year. Camps offered include: basketball, volleyball, football, and fine arts.

Registration will open on Monday April 19 at 8:00 a.m. and run through midnight on May 23. Space at the camps will be limited due so social distancing requirements so don't wait until the last minute to register! Contact Michael Priebe at [mdp@mlsem.org](mailto:mdp@mlsem.org) with any questions.



**HELP SUPPORT ZION LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL'S RUMMAGE SALE**

**June 5th 8am-4pm**

**Proceeds Benefit Zion Lutheran School**

#### **DONATION IDEAS:**

GENTLY USED CLOTHING & SHOES, TOYS, HOLIDAY  
DECORATIONS, FURNITURE, BOOKS, HOUSEWARES, TOOLS,  
BABY ITEMS, BICYCLES, APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS,  
SPORTING EQUIPMENT, STUFFED ANIMALS, KNICK-KNACKS,  
JEWELRY, ETC.

**\*SORRY, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT: MATTRESSES, TVs,  
EXERCISE EQUIPEMENT AND NON-OPERATIONAL OR BROKEN ITEMS**

If you have any questions or to volunteer please contact  
Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638 or [melissa.freiny@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.freiny@gmail.com)

COMING UP AT ZION ....

Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship (IC)  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Bible Class  
 NO BIC - Mother's Day

Monday 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Meeting @ St. Stephen, Adrian  
 7:30 p.m. Board of Education meeting

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Worship (IC)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – noon Outdoor Clean-up

Next Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Bible Class  
 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #8

**MAY VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Apr. 28 &amp; May 2</b>	<b>May 5 &amp; 9</b>	<b>May 12 &amp; 16</b>	<b>May 19 &amp; 23</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Ruth Ann Peters		
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><b><u>April 28</u></b>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Klaus Koenig                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p> <p><b><u>May 2</u></b>  <b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny                      Bob Trowbridge                      Dave McKenzie</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Klaus Koenig                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p>	<p><b><u>May 5</u></b>                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny                      Bob Trowbridge                      Dave McKenzie</p> <p><b><u>May 9</u></b>  <b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Tony Affholter                      Dan Fuerstenberg                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé</p>	<p><b><u>May 12</u></b>                      Tony Affholter                      Dan Fuerstenberg                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><b><u>May 16</u></b>  <b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Mark Kipf                      Keith McBee                      David Krueger                      Russ Vitale</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>	<p><b><u>May 19</u></b>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé</p> <p><b><u>May 23</u></b>  <b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Klaus Koenig                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p>	<p><b><u>May 26</u></b>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>
<b>COMMUNION HELPERS</b>	<p><b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Rob Krueger</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      Alan Bober</p>		<p><b><u>May 12</u></b>                      Ben Husby</p> <p><b><u>May 16</u></b>  <b><u>8:15 a.m.</u></b>                      Mark Fuerstenberg</p> <p><b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b>                      John Hill</p>		