



**BE PERSISTANT
IN PRAYER**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7 & 11, 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: Last Sunday we saw the effectiveness of the saving Word in deepest need. But the Savior does not always appear to have an effective, powerful Word. In fact the Savior and his Word most often appear to be weak and lowly, even covered with shame in this world. But it is exactly then that the Savior shows himself most glorious and most powerful in the Word. For in the face of weakness and shame, that saving Word still creates and preserves faith. That's its saving function and the Savior's greatest miracle of all.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: This week we conclude the 4-week SUMMER SERMON SERIES on four of Paul's letters – Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 408*

“Christians, While on Earth Abiding”

PRAYER

408

Christians, While on Earth Abiding



1 Chris-tians, while on earth a-bid-ing, Let us
2 Bless us, Fa-ther, and pro-tect us From all
nev-er cease to pray, Firm-ly in the Lord con-
harm in all our ways; Pa-tient-ly, O Lord, di-
fid-ing As our par-ents in their day,
rect us Safe-ly through these fleet-ing days.
Be the chil-dren's voic-es raised To the
Let your face up-on us shine; Fill us
God their par-ents praised. May his bless-ing, fail-ing
with your peace di-vine. Praise the Fa-ther, Son, and
nev-er, Rest up-on his peo-ple ev-er,
Spir-it! Praise him, all who life in-her-it!

Text: Johann Olof Wallin, 1779–1839, st. 1, alt.; Jesper Svedberg, 1653–1735, st. 2; tr. *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901, alt.
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. ⁴These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. ⁵Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them. (EHV)

Psalm 143

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O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain



Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

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

Mark 6:1-6

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)

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!

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 407*

“O Lord, You Have in Your Pure Grace”

PRAYER

407 O Lord, You Have in Your Pure Grace

1 O Lord, you have in your pure grace;
2 O King and the Fa - ther, kind and to dread,
3 Yours is the king - dom; un - to you

Made shine on us a Fa - ther's face;
Give day this our dai - ly bread;
We bow the knee in hom - age true.

A - rise, your ho - ly name make known;
For - give us, who have learned to bless;
And yours the pow'r; no pow'r is there

Take up your pow'r and reign a - lone;
Our en - e - mies, and all tres - pass - es;
That stands a - gainst you an - y - where.

On earth, in us, let your pure will
Spare us temp - ta - tion; let us be
The glo - ry yours; by ev - 'ry tongue

Be done as an - gels do it still,
From Sa - tan set for - ev - er free,
Your praise shall be for - ev - er sung!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76, alt. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) alt. Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

² Be persistent in prayer, and as you pray, be alert and thankful. ³ At the same time, pray for us too, that God might open a door for our message, so that we can tell the mystery about Christ, for which I am in prison. ⁴ Pray that I may make it known clearly, as it is necessary for me to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom in the way you act toward those on the outside, making the most of your opportunity. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you are to answer each person. (EHV)

BE PERSISTANT IN PRAYER

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, 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.

PRAYER

409

Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves
 2 You are com - ing to a king— Large pe - ti -
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move
 4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -
 5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to
 tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are
 this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners
 sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -
 my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.
 such, None can ev - er ask too much,
 spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
 tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
 friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die your people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., alt.
 Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817.

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.



C: A - men.

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 412* (vs. 1 & 5)

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

PRAYER

412

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With
2 We suf - fer if we cease from prayer; Oh,
3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense Of
4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice That
5 Give these, and then your will be done; Thus



rev - 'rence and with fear. Though dust and ash - es
grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you
god - ly sor - row give; A strong de - sire, with
can for sin a - tone, To cast our hopes, to
strength-ened with your might We, through your Spir - it



in your sight, We may, we must draw near.
we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on the way.
con - fi - dence, To hear your voice and live;
fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ a - lone.
and your Son, Shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.



Officiants

Accompanist: July 7 – Mona Vitale

July 11 - Kayla Liechty

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP FOR SUMMER: Zion has scheduled worship on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. and Sundays @ 9 a.m. Bible Class, Sunday School, and Youth Group have recessed for the summer.

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:

✝ Pastor Matthew Ewart, North Cross Lutheran church of Lakeville, Minnesota has been led to decline to serve as our Associate Pastor. **Zion's next Call Meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2021 after our regularly scheduled Quarterly Voter's Meeting.**

CHURCH SERVICES: Please call Zion (734) 242-1378 to register for church services. At the present time, we are publishing our entire service in the bulletin. In order to be wise stewards of our resources, it will help us to know in advance if we are to print 100 bulletins per week or 150 bulletins per week. Never let not registering for a worship service keep you from attending that worship service. We always print a few extra bulletins. But please if you can, call and register. Thank you.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION: Students going into 7th & 8th grade, attending Public Schools, who are wanting to start catechism class, should have their parents contact Pastor Ulrich as soon as possible – church (734) 242-1378 or home (734) 240-3888. We want to figure out a day and time which everyone can commit to attending. THANK YOU for your cooperation. Sincerely, Pastor Ulrich.

NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION: Adults wanting to take a class this Fall which covers the chief teachings of God's Word and can lead to membership, should contact Pastor Ulrich as soon as possible – church (734) 242-1378 or home (734) 240-3888. This class known as BIC (Bible Information Class) is an 8-week course, two hours per lesson. Some have expressed an interest already, so it is important to find out what day and time will coordinate with everyone's schedule. Then we will be able to plan for those committed to taking this BIC. THANK YOU for your cooperation. Sincerely, Pastor Ulrich.

PASTOR RALPH STUEBS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS SERVING IN THE PASTORAL MINISTRY:

You are cordially invited to a 4 pm worship service on Sunday, July 18 th thanking the Lord for 50 years of ministry by Rev. Ralph Stuebs at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee, Ohio. Retired Michigan District President John Seifer will preach. The service will be followed by a catered meal & celebration. Your RSVP is requested online at bit.ly/stuebs50. The worship service will also be live-streamed at Youtube: bit.ly/stuebs1971. The RSVP includes an estimated attendance, for the purposes of planning for the meal. There's also space for sharing memories or encouragements for Pastor Stuebs. These will be included in the anniversary booklet. Contact Pastor Peter Hagen with any questions: pastorhagen@icloud.com or (419)262-8280.

THANK YOU:

Dear Zion Christian family,

I wanted to say thank you again, not only for the cards and gifts, but what Zion has done for my family over the past 8 years. The conversations, the bits of advice and the passing greetings in the building were always appreciated. I am confident that Zion will continue to build up its called workers and I pray that God will continue to bless Zion's ministry in the years to come.

In Christ,

Kurt Nielsen & family

Zion Lutheran Church Annual Camp-out at



Friday, August 6th – Sunday, August 8th

Camping is FREE! A group supper is planned for Saturday at the beach pavilion.

Service and Fellowship will provide pulled pork, baked beans, a potato dish and dinnerware. We ask that campers/visitors bring a dish to pass and their own beverage.

There will be a Worship Service on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

If you are not a camper please come Saturday for food, fellowship, swimming, fishing, or just relaxing at the beach!

Please RSVP by Sunday, August 1st. There are sign-up sheets in the west foyer – there are two sheets one for camping and one for the dinner on Saturday. We thank you in advance for the RSVP it will help us in our planning for the meal and reserving sites.

HVL INFORMATION: HVL is gearing up for the start of the new year under the theme, “Rejoice in the Lord, Always”. We are excited to be back to normal in regards to classroom procedures and schedules. Most of all we look forward to worship being back in the chapel, filling the room with praise to the Lord.

- **Now Enrolling** - We are currently accepting new students for the 2021-22 school year. If you know someone who would like to learn more about the difference an HVL education makes, please direct them to our website at www.HVLHS.org, or forward their contact information to the school and we will give them a call.
- **International Students** - We are always on the lookout for additional host families. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact the school office by phone or email.
- **HVL Financial Position** - Thank you for your support and contributions throughout the year. During the past school year, HVL received \$250,000 in individual gifts. Through your generosity, HVL was able to meet its budget for the year. To God be the glory! To make a donation to the ongoing ministry at HVL, go to www.hvlhs.org and click on “Support Us”, or mail your check to HVL, 33740 Cowan Rd., Westland, MI 48185.
- **HVL Summer Sports Camp** - All students entering grades 4-8 are eligible for HVL Volleyball & Soccer Camps on Aug 10-12 (6-7:30pm). Register on our website (www.hvlhs.org) or call the school office (734) 525-0160 to register. Please register by August 4.
- **Summer Improvements** - We are looking at giving the classrooms a much needed makeover with fresh paint, new tables and chairs, and new ceiling tiles. We have one room nearly completed and would like to do the rest over the course of the next year. If you are able to donate time or money to this project please let us know. We are planning painting days on August 12 and August 14. Watch for more details to come.
- **HVL Golf Classic** - Mark your calendar for the HVL Golf Classic which will take place on Saturday, August 28th. Go to our website to register, become a sponsor, or make a donation. All proceeds go towards the HVL athletic department.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Full-time Maintenance Technician**
- **Full-time Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) Assistant Teacher**
- **Part-time ECLC Teacher**
- **Part-time ECLC Substitute Teachers**

The comprehensive descriptions for these positions can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY VOLUNTEER DAY: Volunteer Day is a great opportunity to show your support and love for MLS. It's also a tremendous assistance to our staff to have help wrapping up projects around the school. This year's Volunteer Day will be held on Saturday, July 24; beginning at 9am with a lunch provided at noon. There will be a variety of jobs available for helpers of all levels of experience (general landscaping, painting, replacement of ceiling tiles and lightbulbs, etc); however, if you have a specialized skill or expertise you'd like to contribute, please contact the school ahead of time (989-793-1010) so we can have the necessary materials and equipment prepared. Please consider giving of your time and talents as we work to spruce up the campus.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship (IC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Church Council
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship (IC)
	4:00 p.m. Pastor Ralph Stuebs Celebration at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee, OH

JULY VOLUNTEERS

	July 4	July 7 & 11	July 14 & 18	July 21 & 25	July 28
ALTAR GUILD		Linda Rutledge	& Cindy Wiseman		
USHERS	<u>July 4</u> 9:00 a.m. Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux	<u>July 7</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie <u>July 11</u> 9:00 a.m. Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>July 14</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé <u>July 18</u> 9:00 a.m. Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>July 21</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick <u>July 25</u> 9:00 a.m. Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale	<u>July 28</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux
COMMUNION HELPERS	<u>July 4</u> Rob Krueger		<u>July 14</u> Ben Husby <u>July 18</u> Alan Bober		<u>July 28</u> Mark Kipf