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Romans 8:29 (EHV)

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

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IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 5 & 9, 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.

Worship Focus: The priceless treasure of God's kingdom is ours through his Word.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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Opening Hymn: CW 381 (vs. 1-4)

"Grace Has a Thrilling Sound"

JUSTIFICATION

381

Grace Has a Thrilling Sound



1 Grace has a thrill - ing sound To each be -
2 Grace first in - scribed my name In God's e -
3 Grace led my wan - d'ring feet To tread the
4 Grace taught my soul to pray And made my
5 Grace all our work shall crown Through ev - er -



liev - er's ear; That peace with God through
ter - nal book, And grace has brought me
heav'n - ly road, And grace sup - plies each
eyes o'er - flow; His grace has kept me
last - ing days; The heav'n - ly home God



Christ is found Is news I glad - ly hear.
to the Lamb, Who all my sor - rows took.
hour I meet While press - ing on to God.
to this day And will not let me go.
gives his own Shall ech - o with our praise.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, st. 1, 3, 5, alt.; August M. Toplady, 1740-78, st. 2, 4, alt.
Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823-89.

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.

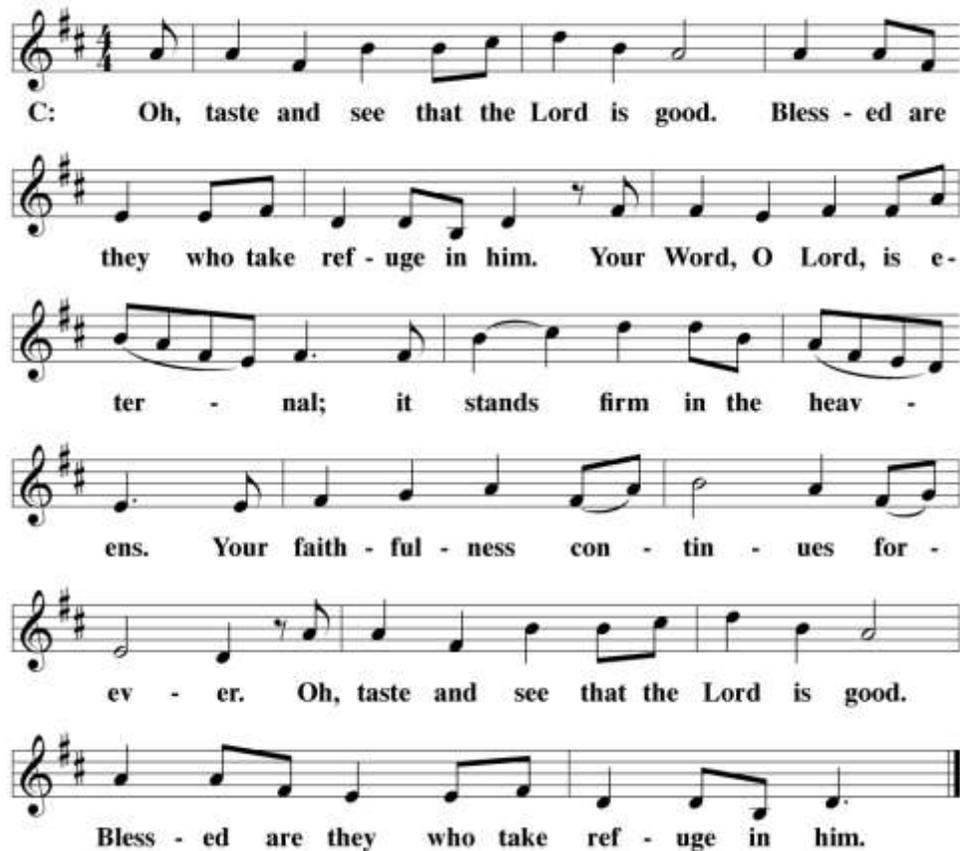
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 Kings 3:5-12

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?" ¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you. (EHV)

Psalm 119b

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God's children treasure the Word of life and delight to walk in the Lord's commands.

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone



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Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰ And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.” ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.” (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)



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!

TRUST

414 I Leave All Things to God’s Direction

1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion;
 2 God knows what must be done to save me;
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion;
 4 My God has all things in his keep - ing;

He loves me both in wealth and woe.
 His love for me will nev - er cease.
 My soul he, too, de - sires to save.
 He is my ev - er - faith - ful friend.

His will is good, sure his af - fec - tion;
 Up - on his hands he did en - grave me
 There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig - na - tion
 He gives me laugh - ter af - ter weep - ing.

His ten - der love is true, I know.
 With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace.
 All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave.
 And all his ways in bless - ings end.

My for - tress and my rock is he:
 His will su - preme must ev - er be:
 His will be done e - ter - nal - ly:
 His love en - dures e - ter - nal - ly:

What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
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Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT (98 981 88) Georg C. Neumark, 1621–81.

Sermon text and theme:

Romans 8:28-32

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹ because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? (EHV)

GOD’S LOVE IS A FOREVER LOVE

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: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.**

JUSTIFICATION

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By Grace I’m Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less;
 2 By grace God's Son, our on-ly Sav-ior,
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom-ise
 4 By grace to tim-id hearts that trem-ble,
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy-ing;



My soul, be-lieve and doubt it not. Why wa-ver
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be-
 When you are by your sins op-pressed, When Sa-tan
 In trib-u-la-tion's fur-nace tried— By grace, de-
 In Je-sus' prom-ise I re-joice. For though I



at this word of prom-ise? Has Scrip-ture ev-er
 cause of your own mer-it That Je-sus died your
 plagues your trou-bled con-science, And when your heart is
 spite all fear and trou-ble, The Fa-ther's heart is
 know my heart's con-di-tion, I al-so know my



false-hood taught? So then this word must true re-
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a-
 seek-ing rest. What rea-son can-not com-pre-
 o-pen wide. Where could I help and strength se-
 Sav-ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob-tain.
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n-ly throne,
 hend God by his grace to you did send.
 cure If grace were not my an-chor sure?
 flown Since I am saved by grace a-lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

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.





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HEALTH CONCERNS: Please keep the following in your prayers for physical recovery and strength of faith: Tom Greene recovering from spine surgery & Tom Norman recovering from hip surgery. James 5:13-15

PASTOR SLAUGHTER is preaching at Resurrection, Maumee, OH on Sun., Aug. 9.

ZION KILLARNEY CAMP-OUT: This year we had 11 members stay and camp. For the dinner and worship service on Saturday night we had 63 people attend. Thank you to everyone for making this another successful year of fellowship.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY (MLS): currently has two job openings. If interested or further information is needed, please contact Chris Eubank, Business Manager, at 989-793-1010 ext. 240 or cme@mlsem.org.

Female Janitor (Full-time)

Primary role of housekeeping in the girls' dormitory, this position will also perform various custodial and light maintenance duties for assigned areas throughout our campus. The required duties may include cleaning, organizing, setup and breakdown for campus events, and assisting with seasonal duties as needed. This is a temporary position with the potential to grow into a permanent member of the MLS staff.

School Nurse (Part-time)

This is a 20-25 hour per week position needed for weekday mornings during the school year. Required duties would include student medication distribution, coordinating and transporting students to medical appointments, communicating with parents regarding the health of their children, and the reporting of health statistics to the local health department.

SCRIP PROGRAM: What is Scrip? It is "in lieu of cash", basically, it is a gift card! There are hundreds of gift card options! **Why should I buy?** Scrip purchases the cards at a discounted price. When you purchase them at face value Zion earns money. This money can improve the school/church or even be used towards tuition. **When and How?** Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser which is ACTIVE again since having to take a COVID-19 break. If you have been purchasing already, great! We appreciate your participation. If you are new to the program then you have a couple options. You can pick up a form in the school hallway. Then, follow the instructions on the bulletin board and once you are registered you will be able to purchase gift cards online or continue to fill out the forms manually. **Starting August 1, order rebates will start going toward the 2021-2022 school year.** Order forms need to be in the school office or to Kathie Robinson on Sundays, she then places the orders on Mondays and they usually arrive back on Friday to be picked up the following Sunday. If you would like to register yourself to get started now. Go to: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll> and enter LC3EFD7E341L and follow the steps to set up your account. If you have any questions please contact Kathie Robinson at krobinson_2@charter.net or our office 734-242-1378. Thank you for Supporting Zion!!

Would you like to help “feed some lambs”?

Our congregation is accepting donations to Zion's two "Zion School Tuition Assistance" funds. These funds are set up to specifically assist families in need within the congregation and the community with tuition assistance scholarships for their child attending Zion Lutheran School. With recent events, there is a particular need due to the financial challenges facing several of our families this year.



There are two funds, one designated to help any family in our community wishing to attend Zion Lutheran School, and one designated for Zion congregation member families.

We have already used most of the funds available to us for member families for the new school year, and our general fund (open to all school families) already does not meet our needs for the next school year.

If you are interested in making a donation to either of these funds, please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Please write in the check memo line which fund you wish the donation to go to:

“ZLS Tuition Assistance – General” or

“ZLS Tuition Assistance – Zion Member”.

Donations not designated to a specific fund will be applied to the funds as needed at the discretion of the school board and church council.

Thank you for helping Zion Lutheran School to do all we can to answer Christ’s call to “feed his lambs and sheep”.