



“Which of the two did the will of his father?”
Matthew 21:31

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7 & 11, 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: As surely as God calls all to salvation, he will condemn those who despise the gift of his love.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

CW pg. 38

Opening Hymn: CW 773

"In Unity and Peace"

CHRISTIAN LOVE

773

In Unity and Peace

Refrain

How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace. How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.

1-3 To verses || Last time

1 In the name of our Lord Je-sus Christ, a-
2 Live a life that is wor-thy of your call; be
3 Share the love that has joined us as one; u-

gree in ev-ry-thing you say.
hum-ble, gen-tle, and pa-tient.
nite in spir-it and i-deals.

May there be no di- vi-sions a-mong you, but
Bear with each oth-er in ways that are lov-ing; pre-
Nev-er be ri-vals; do not be con-ceit-ed, but

be u - ni - ted in one mind.
serve the u - ni - ty of faith.
look to oth - ers in their need.

For there is

one Lord, one faith, one
God of us all.

To Refrain

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.

Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

Tune: IN UNITY AND PEACE (Irregular) James J. Cheponis, b. 1956 © 1997 GIA Publications, Inc.
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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.

CONFESSON 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.

Mercifully grant, O God that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me.² What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, “Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons’ teeth are set on edge”? ³ As surely as I live, declares the LORD God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. ⁴ Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵ But you say, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ²⁶ If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die. ²⁷ But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. ²⁸ Because he has seen and turned away from^[a] all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. ²⁹ But the house of Israel says, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ³⁰ Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. ³¹ Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the LORD God. So repent and live! (EHV)

Psalm 25

CW pg. 74

Our souls cry out to the One who can deliver us from our enemies, especially the sins of our youth.

Refrain

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

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To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves.⁴ Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.⁶ Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed,⁷ but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee would bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 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!

Hymn of the Day: CW 306

“Before You, God, the Judge of All”

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

306

Before You, God the Judge of All

1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a

hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans-ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,

My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my

sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802-80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him. (EHV)

Talk the Talk or Walk the Walk

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: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

P: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

P: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

P: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

304

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
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 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;

And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope -
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shew - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
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 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASSE NICHT (78 78 77) Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, 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.



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 304 (v. 7)

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PASTOR ULRICH'S EMAIL: We have been made aware that Pastor Ulrich's email is being used for a phishing scam. If you have received an email asking for you to purchase any gift cards on behalf of Pastor Ulrich - this is a **SCAM**. Please if you did receive it – delete it – do not respond to it.

HIM + HER WORSHIP is a WELS worship band and they will be making their way to Zion. Join us on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm** for a Worship Concert **AND Sunday, October 25th** for a Worship Service featuring some of their music! You can find them on Instagram, Spotify, YouTube, Facebook to preview music.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: We want to thank everyone who has donated to the over abundance table. This will be your last week to bring in any extra produce from your garden to share with others. The table is in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Again thank you to everyone who has participated in this good fortune this year.

WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER: 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, Oct. 13 @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Sept. 17 for October. The Worship schedule will be reviewed on October 15 for November. Thank you for your patience.

TRUNK-O-TREAT OCT.31ST, NOON-2 PM: CEA will not be able to host the traditional Harvest Party this year due to COVID-19. CEA has decided to have **TRUNK-O-TREAT**. They are asking for volunteers to come pass out candy in the Zion parking lot from Noon-2pm. You are free to decorate your trunk (not required) in a Harvest Party acceptable theme. If you would like to join in on the fun just call the office to register your vehicle. All children are welcome to come and get some candy at NO cost.

FOOD PANTRY: In the last few weeks we have had many inquiries into if we need any items for our food pantry here at Zion. We have compiled a list of items that are needed and the list is available in either foyer for you to take and consider for donating. Thank you in advance for your help.

NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS: If you have received a letter asking you to consider a church council position, please return the letter or tell one of the pastors of your decision to accept or decline the position by Thurs., Oct. 15th. Thank you and God Bless You.

HVL NEWS: Accreditation News

Every five years, HVL hosts a site visit team to renew our accreditation through WELSSA and NCPSA. This week we received news from our site visit that HVL is being recommended for Exemplary Accreditation Status! This status requires meeting 95% of the standards. (HVL met 98% of the standards.) We will be receiving a full report from the site team with recommendations that we will incorporate into our 5-year school improvement plans. Receiving exemplary status is a testament to our faculty, staff, students, parents, and association!

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

For the last several years, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has offered an event called Cardinal for a Day. Schools and churches were welcome to bring their K-8 students for a morning of games, tours, and mini-classes - to experience what it's like to be an MLS student for the day. Two of these events are held each year, one in mid-fall and the other in mid-winter.

Unfortunately, current restrictions do not allow us to hold the fall Cardinal for a Day on its scheduled date of October 23, 2020. We plan instead to hold both events in mid-winter. The first will be held on January 15, 2021, as previously scheduled. The second will be held on a date to be determined, most likely in March.

In place of the fall event, we are offering a virtual Cardinal for a Day! Classrooms can tune in between 12:45-2:45 EST for a chapel devotion, choir anthem, school tour, and six mini-classes (three for K-4 graders and three for 5-8 graders.) The rough schedule is below:

Virtual Cardinal for a Day Schedule

12:45-1:05 Chapel & Concert Choir anthem

1:05-1:35 Live campus tour with MLS student ambassadors

1:35-1:45 Break

1:45-2:43 Three 18 minute mini-classes with 2 minute passing time

2:43-2:45 Brief closing announcements

In the coming weeks, more information - including links to view the live stream and mini-class subjects - will be sent to you and displayed on the MLS website. In the meantime, please share this information with your faculties and families, and encourage them to tune in on the afternoon of October 23! The live stream will also be archived and available on the MLS YouTube channel if families at your church or school are unable to view in real time.

Offerings for Week Ending 10/04/20

	General Fund		Missions	
Weekly	Budgeted	\$8,733	Budgeted	\$782
	Received	\$5,196	Received	\$720
Year to Date	Budgeted	\$349,321	Budgeted	\$31,290
	Received	\$292,054	Received	\$25,700
		(\$3,537)		(\$5,590)



KILLARNEY LUTHERAN CAMP FALL FEST

October 16th-18th 2020

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Come and enjoy some fall fun in a SAFE, outdoor environment!

Please be sure to maintain social distancing, proper hand hygiene and stay home if you are sick!

Decorate a pumpkin under the large pavillion 10am-12pm

Reverse raffle baskets will be down in the small pavilion from 2pm-7pm

Winners announced at 7:30pm by the fire!

Trick-or-Treat

Saturday 5pm-6pm

Don't forget to bring a costume and candy to pass for trick-or-treating!

Enjoy cider and donuts by the fire pit by the cabins 6:30pm-10pm

Join us for worship at 7pm at the big firepit!

Saturday 10/17

Camp site decorating contest! Decorate your campsite with fall decorations for a chance to win 2 nights *free camping*!

CALL TO RESERVE A SITE DAN FUERSTENBERG 517-467-4511

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SUNDAY SCHOOL VIRTUALLY

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts, impress them on your children.

Deuteronomy 6:6

Starting Sunday, October 4, Zion will be offering materials for online Sunday School through Northwestern Publishing House. Follow along with each lesson as it is taught on-line. Discuss the lesson as a family and grow together in God's Word.

Check it out at nph.net/ss-at-home