

Habakkuk 3:16-19 (ESV)

¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles;
my lips quiver at the sound;
rotteness enters into my bones;
my legs tremble beneath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of
trouble to come upon people who
invade us.¹⁷ Though the fig tree
should not blossom, nor fruit be on
the vines, the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food, the flock
be cut off from the fold and there be
no herd in the stalls,¹⁸ yet I will
rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in
the God of my salvation.¹⁹ GOD, the
Lord, is my strength; he makes my
feet like the deer's; he makes me
tread on my high places. To the
choirmaster: with stringed
instruments.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (ESV)

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does
not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own
way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it
does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but
rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.⁸ Love
never ends. As for prophecies, they
will pass away; as for tongues, they
will cease; as for knowledge, it will
pass away.

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to
him, "Lord, how often will my brother
sin against me, and I forgive him? As
many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said
to him, "I do not say to you seven
times, but seventy-seven

times.²³ "Therefore the kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with
his servants. ²⁴ When he began to
settle, one was brought to him who
owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And
since he could not pay, his master
ordered him to be sold, with his wife
and children and all that he had, and
payment to be made. ²⁶ So the
servant fell on his knees, imploring
him, 'Have patience with me, and I
will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of
pity for him, the master of that servant
released him and forgave him the
debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant
went out, he found one of his fellow
servants who owed him a hundred
denarii, and seizing him, he began to
choke him, saying, 'Pay what you
owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell
down and pleaded with him, 'Have
patience with me, and I will pay you.'
³⁰ He refused and went and put him in
prison until he should pay the debt.
³¹ When his fellow servants saw what
had taken place, they were greatly
distressed, and they went and
reported to their master all that had
taken place. ³² Then his master
summoned him and said to him, 'You
wicked servant! I forgave you all that
debt because you pleaded with me.
³³ And should not you have had
mercy on your fellow servant, as I
had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger
his master delivered him to the jailers,
until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So
also my heavenly Father will do to
every one of you, if you do not forgive
your brother from your heart."

“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

October 22, 2017

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church, 17927 Dice Road, Hemlock, MI 48626

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ. Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser	Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
A/V	Paul Bohn	Elder/Reader	Frank Yell
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt	Acolytes	Rachel Laurenz & Calista Goward
Ushers	Ken Knoerr & Bruce Tessin		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 84 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3,856 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$3,018 = Loose Plate \$136, Envelopes \$2,287 Mission \$142, Maintenance \$453; In memory of Mary Bos \$20, Donna Martin \$25.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Oct 27- Sue Burdick; Oct 28- Chris Hagarty, Frank Yell; Oct 29- Cameron Bedtelyon; Oct 30- Jerry Farrar, Katie Pinet, David Wietfeldt, Richard Wietfeldt, Chandler Worley; Nov 2-Ken Gath, John Klembecki, Brittany Rohde, Arlene Rohn, Scott Rose, Jr.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Voter’s Assembly Meeting will be held following the service today. All confirmed members age 18 and over are encouraged to attend.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Rauchholz Memorial Library will be held today from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. John XXIII Parish, 151 St. Mary’s Dr., Hemlock. Tickets are \$7.00; kids 4 and under eat for free. Tickets available at the door or in advance at the Rauchholz Memorial Library.

Pastor Appreciation Month **October is Clergy Appreciation month.** Show Pastor Hauser and his family how much they are appreciated. Why not send a card or gift, take them to a meal, or some other nice thing you may think of. We do appreciate you Pastor Hauser.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Volunteers are needed to furnish a dish for funeral dinners. Our list of people who have been supplying dishes (like you'd take to a potluck) for our funeral luncheons is dwindling due to illness, age, and now several will travel to warmer climates in the winter. When you offer your name and phone number to supply a dish, you will be called a couple of days before the funeral and asked if you can bring a dish. You are given choices of whether you want to bring a dessert, a salad, a main dish (like a casserole), or a vegetable. Usually these are dropped off before the start of the funeral, but sometimes can be brought the night before and put in the refrigerator. Please consider helping. Families with grief are always so thankful that this is available to them. Contact Connie Richardson 642-8126 if you can help.

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner ~ Hemlock Public Schools invites all **school district residents** 60 years and older to attend the 47th annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 10, 2017 from 1pm-3pm at the Hemlock Middle School 525 North Maple Street in Hemlock. Please RSVP by calling 642-5282 by November 2nd.

Homebound List ~ A list of members (with addresses) who are homebound, in assisted living or recently hospitalized is in the narthex. You are encouraged to drop by and visit them or send a card of encouragement, thinking of you, etc. We will try to keep this updated as we become aware.

Thank You ~ We would like to thank Ruth Rohn for her many years of managing the Zion Benevolent Fund. Over the years Ruth has reviewed and investigated fund requests, disbursed funds, maintained the checking account and kept fund records and communicated fund information when needed. In this way she has served God, our church and our community. We now need to find a new person to serve in this position. If you have questions or are interested in this work please contact an Elder or the church office. *"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."* 2 Corinthians 9:12.

Hurricane/Wildfire Relief ~ Donations are being accepted until December 17, 2017 for **LCMS Disaster Response** benefiting hurricane, wild fire relief. Jars are available in the narthex.

Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a bowling coach for our boys and girls team this winter. We are looking for someone interested in helping student athletes of all skill levels learn the game. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Eric Smith or Heath Vincent through the school office at 989-790-1676.

Job Opening ~ Valley Lutheran High School has an immediate opening for school secretary who will provide assistance in administration while serving as a Christian role model for students and the community. The ideal candidate has excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills and experience in computer applications, is committed to Lutheran secondary education, possesses a high school diploma, works well both independently and as a member of a team, and is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Two part-time positions may be considered. Interested parties should provide a cover letter and resume' of relevant experiences with references to Executive Director John Brandt by e-mail (jbrandt@vlhs.com), or mail John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603. E-mail John Brandt (jbrandt@vlhs.com) for a complete job description.

Job Opening ~ Faith Lutheran Church and School in Bay City is looking for an afternoon Lead Teacher to join our growing preschool program. Contact office@faithbaycity.org for more information.

Job Opening ~ St. John Lutheran School in Midland, is seeking a full time principal for pre-K - 8th grade. Contact Pastor Dan Kempin at 989 835-7041 or Ellen Ware at 989 297-0100.

Valley Lutheran High School Fruit Sale ~ Contact a VLHS student or the office at 790-1676 for available fruits and costs. Sale ends November 10 and we thank you for your support!