



Veterans Day

November 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

As We Gather ~ “My Shepherd will supply my need.” These simple words, which paraphrase the first verse of Psalm 23, remind us that our Lord knows what we need and provides for us. In these weeks of harvest time, we find joy in seeing how once again “The earth has yielded its increase” (Psalm 67:6). Although it may be easy to be thankful in the season of bountiful harvests, we are reminded in God’s Word that we can be equally grateful in leaner times. Our gracious God consistently supplies our needs, leading us to affirm with the great hymn writer Paul Gerhardt: “God is good; His love attends me Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me” (*LSB* 756:3). We thank God for His supplying us with even more voices of Immanuel, Wheeler’s choir to join with Zion’s choir and leading us in His praises!

Preservice Music

Choir Anthem “Let Us Praise the Lord” Besig”

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

PREPARATION

Hymn: 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- 2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev’ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

- 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 29:11; 34:14–15

- P** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears
toward their cry.
C Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- P** May the Lord give strength to His people!
C May the Lord bless His people with peace!

Confession and Absolution

- P** As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with
ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before
the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.
C Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your
salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we
are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your
mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin,
which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross.
Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of
peace both now and forever.
- P** God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of
their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in
the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and
obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8

- P** Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous
works to the children of men!
C Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast
love endures forever!

Women: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.*

Men: He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

C The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

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.

P Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!

Veteran Recognition



Veterans Day is today, a day that honors military veterans, all who served in the United States Armed Forces. Today, we ask all veterans to stand. We thank God for each of you and we want to show our appreciation for serving God, our country, and all of us, especially for preserving our freedom to worship.

Hymn: 965 God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

(The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

Then the word of the LORD came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28 *(Christ will be appearing again.)*

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

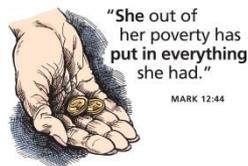
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

1 The temple rang with golden coins
 The rich in bright array
 Contributed from gleaming hoards
 Their scales could scarcely weigh.

- 2 A widow came with copper coins
And offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give
Or save for darker days.
- 3 When Jesus saw her costly gift
And knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self
And called her rich, though poor.
- 4 At last He brought His offering
And laid it on a tree;
There gave Himself, His life, His love
For all humanity.
- 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield
Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n,
With open hearts and hands.



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Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers.

They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."



- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Catechism

The First Article

P In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Hymn: 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Sermon "Always Enough" 1 Kings 17:8-16

Choir Anthem "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Wolfe

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We bless You, O God, for the gift of the Church, for our family of faith, and our place of fellowship and growth. As the Church, grant that we continue to walk in the way of faithfulness, joyfully proclaiming the message of salvation and sharing the gifts You have given. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** We thank You, O God, for the world in which we live and for the human family of which we are a part. Grant that all who are in positions of leadership around the globe find ways of cooperation and that the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities seek to do that which brings blessing to all people and serves the common good. Today we remember our armed forces and the veterans of our nation, thanking You for the sacrifices they have made. Help us to walk in the way of peace as bringers of blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** When You created the world, O God, You called it good. We know that sin has darkened and marred much of that original good creation. Direct us in the way of wise stewardship that we leave a beneficial legacy for those who come after us until the time of the return of Christ, who will establish a new heaven and a new earth. In mercy, O Lord,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, You know our needs and the needs of others even before we speak of them with our words or in our hearts. Graciously hear our petitions for those who are hospitalized or ill, for those who are shut in or find their lives limited in some way, for those whose work is unfulfilling or have no work at all, for those who are grieving on this day, and those who seek some special blessing, *especially* . . . that their lives know Your presence. Direct us into the way of sacrificial service that we ever be bringers of hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember all those no longer living on this earth, whose witness informs and strengthens us. We thank You, Lord, for all those people whose faith and faithfulness have inspired us, and we bless You for the lessons we have learned from them. Direct us to follow their example in the way that leads to light eternal. Grant that our days and our deeds bring glory to Your name for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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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.

Benediction

- P** God the almighty Father bless you and keep you.
God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and lives with His glory.
God the Holy Spirit be with you that you ever walk in the way of peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 72 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$4,196 = Loose Plate \$116, Envelopes \$2,645, Mission \$155, Maintenance \$280, Par. Rent \$900, Hall Rent \$100; Cap Prj. 105; Chris Thom Memorial \$100; Resources for Rachel \$437.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday Nov 16- Ryan Kade, Mitchell Rowe; Nov 17- Jim Hingston (his 88th), Dave Kade; Nov 19- Grant Hollingsworth, Theresa Miller; Nov 20- Joyce Zastrow; Nov 21- Tom Clapp, Les Hyatt.

Welcome! We will welcome our brothers and sisters from Immanuel Lutheran-Wheeler singing with us this morning. This annual event is a blessing to both church bodies, and is a musical testament to our shared faith. We will enjoy a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the service. All are welcome to join us.



Ruth Rohn, faithful, lifelong member of Zion died November 2, 2018 and was given Christian burial on Tuesday. Ruth is survived by her children, Pamela (Kirk) McNett, Cynthia O'Harris and her significant other, Don; John (Debbie) Rohn; David Rohn and his significant other, Michelle; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister Alice (Ed) Leddy); three sisters-in-law, Leona (Ralph) Zeitler, Maxine (Dale) Leddy and Nancy (Paul) Moran.

She was predeceased by her parents Wilbert and Mary (Darby) Neuenfeldt; husband, Elvin Rohn; an infant brother; a sister; a grandson; and a son-in-law. *I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).*



Ralph Bluemer, faithful lifelong member of Zion died November 3, 2018 and was given Christian burial on Wednesday. Ralph is survived by his wife, Vickie and their three shared children, Henry (Peri) Bluemer, Aimee (Joseph Helman) Lehmkuhle, and Robert Bluemer; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Melvin (Vicki) Bluemer; his sisters, Alice (Jerry) Kellogg, Thelma (the late Mike) Risk, and Elsie Bluemer, many nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents Ervin and Dorothy (Clapp) Bluemer and a daughter, Doris Adeline Bluemer. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).*

Faith Comes By Hearing ~ Military Bible Sticks ~ In honor of Veteran's Day we will have a door offering following the service this morning for military Bible sticks to be sent to our troops. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Valley Lutheran High School's Annual Fall Information Night will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 7:00pm. All 7th/8th grade students and families are invited to attend. This is a great way to get to know Valley Lutheran better. No RSVP needed just come out for a fun, relaxed evening ~ Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty Road, Saginaw. Questions?? email Sondra Yantz, Student Recruiter, at syantz@vlhs.com or contact the school 989-790-1676.

Zion's Annual Bake Sale will be held Saturday, December 1 from 9 am – 1 pm. We will again be making our tasty homemade raised donuts! Donations of baked goods, candies, etc. will be needed. There are 2# and 5# bags of granulated sugar available in the kitchen for those who would like to make items for the bake sale. Thank you to Michigan Sugar for this donation. Please have bake sale items at the church on Friday, November 31.

St. Peter Lutheran Hemlock Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9am-2:30pm. Fresh greens, crafts, bake goods, luncheon 11:30-1:30. WSGW's Art Lewis is scheduled to broadcast from our gym. Craft vendors can rent a table or a space contact Julie Ryan (989)245-7114.

Peace Apple Pie Sale ~ Peace Lutheran School invites you to come purchase ready-to-bake apple pies, crisps and crusts during its annual Apple Pie Sale from 10:30am-1pm Saturday, November 17, at the school, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township. Pies are only \$10 when you pre-order before Nov. 9. Call Leslie Hansen at 989-980-3025 to pre-order. Proceeds benefit the Peace Lutheran School PTL.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wheeler, Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 1 from, 9 am – 2 pm. Featured will be a Cookie Walk with Christmas and specialty coolies for \$4.50 per dozen, Christmas and seasonal decorations, outside crafters and vendors, quilted and stitchery items, baked goods, and candy. A brunch available 9 am -1 pm.

Youth Group ~ Join us for as we prepare for the reason for the season with a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 from 1-6:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. We will enjoy games, snacks and a party and then attend "A Christmas Invitation", a play at Merrill Wesleyan Church featuring a few familiar faces! Join us for this event! See JoAnn Pinet with any questions.