



The Mountain Top Messenger

MAY 2022

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LCMS ASHLAND, WI

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Elders: May 1 Darryl May 15 Randy May 29 Darryl	May 4 Scott May 18 Darryl June 1 Scott	May 8 John May 22 Andy June 5 Doug	May 11 Doug May 25 John			
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Would it be wrong of me to say that spring seems to be a bit like the second coming? Slow in arriving, at least in our human sense of time. Thankfully, we have the assurance that both our Lord and spring will arrive when the Lord determines they should. We simply need to have faith and practice patience. Those are two things that can be a challenge to we humans, faith and patience. As we continue to celebrate the Easter season we been having some readings from the book of Revelation. Revelation can be a challenging read for people, one of the biggest issues is because we fail to take into account that Revelation is a symbolic book. It is not meant to be read literally, not like the Gospels or the Epistles. It is intended to be read as multiple descriptions of Jesus and of His church. It speaks of His church in both the world now, the temporal, as well as the church in judgement on the Last Day. So, whenever we read it, we always have to take it in context with other scripture, and look at the life and the words of Jesus. We also have to look into the Old Testament as well as the life of the church. Perhaps, sometime down the road we will endeavor to have a Bible study on Revelation and see if we can help answer some of those questions that always seem to arise, particularly when we lean toward that literal interpretation. As for now, as we read it in our weekly readings during the Easter season, I will do my best to make it a clear as possible and as I always stress, if you ever have any questions or fail to understand what I have said, please let me know. Reading and preaching scripture is a never-ending learning process. Every time I look in depth as scripture, I see new ways that God's word interacts in our faith and lives.



"It's spring. It's spring. It's warm. It's warm."

With that being said, starting the 15th of May we are going to finally be starting our Bible Study on spiritual gifts. We are going to be looking at questions like; what are spiritual gifts? Do I have any? (spoiler alert; yes you do) How do I recognize my spiritual gifts, and what happens if I don't recognize them or use them? I think it will be a very informative and uplifting Bible study and I hope to see you all there.

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OFFICIAL ACTS
Baptisms: Beckham and Mack White 4-10-22

Linda Kolbucher
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Lori Anderson
715-292-2122



As we shoot into summer, hopefully, I encourage you to keep in mind if you are out of town, camping, vacationing, or otherwise occupied on Sunday and can't make worship we will be continuing our Wednesday evening service all summer long and we will be having communion every Wednesday evening as well. If you can't make Sunday or Wednesday, remember you can always catch us online; Facebook at Zion Lutheran



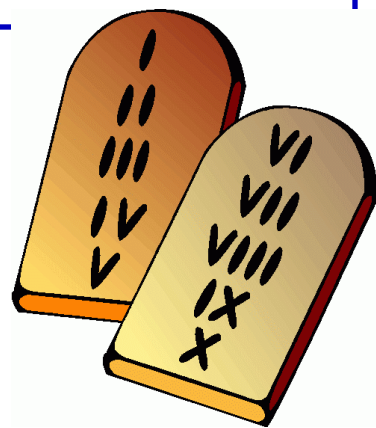
Ashland – LCMS, YouTube at Zion Lutheran Church, Website at Zionashland.org, and if you have a smart phone you can download the Zion Lutheran Church at either Google Play (Zion Lutheran Church Ashland) or the same name in the Apple Store. Just a reminder Facebook and the Smartphone App allow you to watch live, YouTube and the website are posted later following the service. Wow, that's a lot of info, thanks for reading through it. And on that note, we are looking for anyone who might be interested in helping out with our production weekly services, we would like to find one or more people to assist with the production of our services and the posting of those services online. If think you might have an interest in helping out please contact me or leave a note in the office with Lynn. Perhaps a hidden Spiritual Gift?

Thank you for your time, have a safe and enjoyable Summer and God Bless.

Now may Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In His Service, Pastor Rick

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jule Jarvela, Secretary

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



J. di Chiarro
"What are the last four digits of your Social Security number?"

225. THE WIDOW'S MITE

(LUKE 21:1-4)

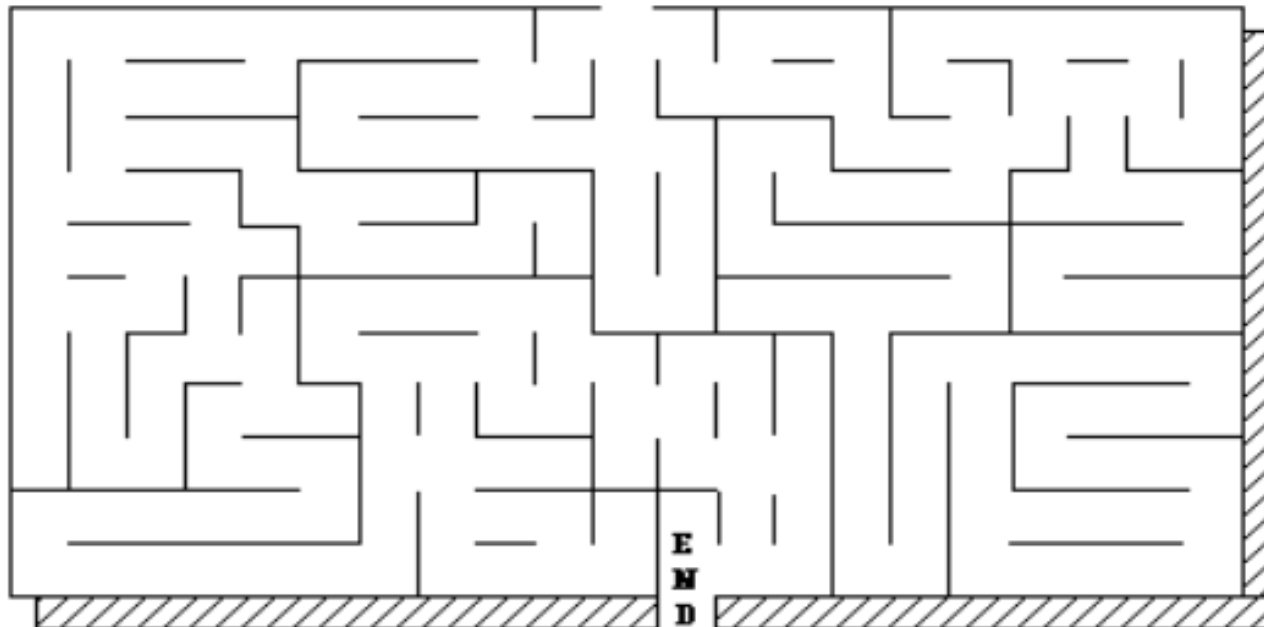
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FIND THE WORDS FROM THE SCRIPTURE BELOW IN THE PUZZLE ABOVE

"Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all."

LUKE 21:3

BEGINNING



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1111-11TH AVE WEST
ASHLAND, WI 54806

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am live streamed
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School - 1st - 7th grade Sunday 10:15am
Bible Studies

Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am 1st/3rd Thursday 6:30pm Women's Group

Pastor Rick Williams -
715-209-0479

Office Hours:
M/T/TH 9:00-5:00
W 12:00-8:00 F Off

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.

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PRAY LIST

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING
 For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during

cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Brad Prill	Madge Houle
Alice Balmer	Penny Larson
Francis Balmer	David Gustafson
Vi Basina	John Schutte
Andrea Gunderson	Dave Pearson
James Fletcher	Pastor Bob
Brett Everman	Judith Wismeth
Sheryl Hildebrandt	Harold Larson
Max Beiersdorf	Sherry Gurski
Danny <u>Pocernich</u>	Larry Tody
James Lavasseur	Lisa Thomson
Russel Joyner	Carmella Kortekaas
Taylor Sprague	Diane Beiersdorff
Terry Haas	Linda Stenroos
Yvonne Mertig	Ann Williams
Tim Zwetow	Heather Gust
Jerry Turney	Melanie Bush
Penny Nelson-Newman	<i>and those in our hearts</i>

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home
 Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Arlene Zimmerman Violet Basina
Madge Houle Nancy Zehe

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.
David Wright Jordan Thimm Andrew Pruss



The hymn originally had seven stanzas, of which the first verse runs:

The church's one foundation
 is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the Word:
 from heav'n he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her,
 and for her life he died.

The song was written as a direct response to the schism within the [Church of South Africa](#) caused by [John William Colenso](#), first [Bishop of Natal](#). When the bishop was deposed for his teachings, he appealed to the higher ecclesiastical authorities in England. It was then that Samuel Stone became involved in the debate. It inspired him to write a set of hymns titled *Lyra Fidelium; Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the [Apostles' Creed](#)* (1866).

In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church when he challenged the historicity and authority of many of the Old Testament books. Bishop Gray of Capetown wrote a stirring response of defense, which, in 1866, inspired Samuel Stone, to write this beloved hymn, basing his text on Article 9 of the Apostle's Creed: "The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints; He is the Head of this Body." Now an affirmation of Christ as the foundation of our faith, we sing this hymn with those who have gone before us and with Christians around the world, declaring that beyond any theological differences, cultural divides, and variances in practice, we are all part of the same body, the body of Christ.

The actual words have not changed much from Stone's original text, though there are differences in what verses are sung. Stone's hymn originally consisted of seven stanzas, to which he added three more, and today most hymnals include the original 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, though not every hymnal contains all five. In the first two verses, we proclaim our unity as the Church in Christ, through baptism, the Word, and Communion. In stanza 3 and 4, we pray that divisions might cease and we would fully experience that unity, and in verse 5, we acknowledge the unity greater than the sum of individual people, our fellowship with God, the Three in One.

This hymn is especially fitting for the ending of communion, a celebration of our unity in the body and blood of Christ. It can also be sung as a response to declarations of our faith, such as the creeds, a Scripture passage, or a sermon.

As part of a move to exclude a range of tradition hymns, "The Church's One Foundation" was due to be excluded from the fourth edition of the [Church of Scotland's Church Hymnary](#). It was, however, retained after many objections were submitted to the church committee.

The words also served as inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's 1896 poem, *Hymn Before Action*, during his time in Africa.

Author: S. J. Stone

Stone, Samuel John, a clergyman of the Church of England, the son of Rev. William Stone, was born at Whitmore, Staffordshire, April 25, 1839. He was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he was graduated B.A. in 1862. Later he took orders and served various Churches. He succeeded his father at St. Paul's, Haggerstown, in 1874. He was the author of many original hymns and translations, which were collected and published in 1886. His hymns are hopeful in spirit and skillfully constructed. He published several poetic volumes. He died November 19, 1900

Tune:

The tune that most often accompanies this text is AURELIA, composed in 1864 by Samuel S. Wesley and first published as a setting for "Jerusalem the Golden." It was paired with Stone's text shortly after, to the chagrin of some: Dr. Henry Gauntlett was apparently very annoyed by this match-up, as he thought Wesley's tune was "inartistic, secular twaddle." Dr. Gauntlett was not to have the last word however, and the tune has stuck. Still not a favorite of some, there have been a few revisions: Erik Routley suggests singing the text to the tune ST. THEODULPH. Brian Moss, for Indelible Grace, composed a new tune that at the same time expresses a prayer for unity,



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