

On **THIS ROCK**
I will build **MY CHURCH**,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18, ESV

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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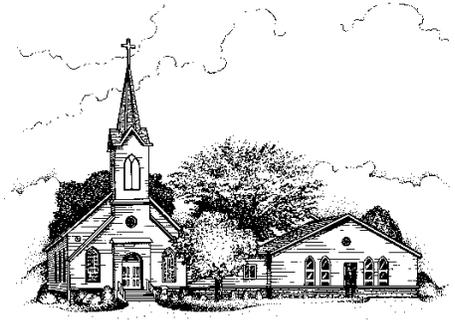
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Welcome to God's House

Christ's Church will stand forever. Nothing can keep our Redeemer from upholding his promised salvation. Not false expectations, not the gates of hell, not an Egyptian army or a flowing river, not even the great tribulation of the end times...nothing will keep our God from preserving his Church.

THE COMMON SERVICE

Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less CW #382

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: 🎵 Amen.

Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less CW #382:4

**C: When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Lesson

Joshua 4:1-9

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ²“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where

the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. ⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

Psalm 34

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

C: and his ears are attentive to their cry.

M: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C: and he delivers them.

M: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

C: he delivers them from all their troubles.

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

C: and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

M: The LORD redeems his servants;

C: no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Refrain

Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Built on the Rock CW #529

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling.
 Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
 Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,
 Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

Sermon

Matthew 16:13-20

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

**C: 🎵 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from
me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your
free Spirit. Amen.**

Offering

the offering plates are situated near the exit door

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world.
If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head CW #536:1

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows, and waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay and all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

The Blessing

M: 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.

C: 🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**



This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon:		<i>Labor Day</i>
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism Instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (followed by fellowship)
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School

In Our Prayers Herbie Justman, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in West Bend; Dan Heinecke, recovering from hip replacement surgery at Cedar Lake Campus in West Bend; Marilyn Filber, at Cedar Lake Campus in West Bend.

Worship Schedule Change Next weekend our worship schedule moves back to the normal schedule for the school year. Thursdays remain the same – 7:00 p.m.; Sunday early service remains the same – 7:30 a.m.; but the “late” service goes back to 9:45 a.m.

Church Picnic Fellowship We won’t be having a picnic in the true sense of the word, but we will be having two outdoor worship services (watch the forecast and dress accordingly; if you’d like, bring your comfortable lawn chairs) next Sunday (the 13th) at 7:30 & 9:45 a.m., both with a time for fellowship afterward. On the menu will be donuts, cupcakes and refreshments instead of brats, burgers and sides. Don’t let that keep you from enjoying some fellowship time after church with your church family...we could use it!

Back to Sunday School This year we've had a very difficult time finding Sunday School teachers who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to fill our teaching needs. Because of that fact, as well as the uncertainty and issues that Covid brings, we're still considering how to start the year. Some Sunday Schools have decided to cancel their Sunday School until further notice; others have gone to a virtual Sunday School with parental guidance. It's not a question of whether we'll have Sunday School or not, it's a matter of what Sunday School will look like to start. Parents of Sunday School-aged children, please be patient as we still navigate the challenges and make decisions concerning our Christian Education ministry here at Zion. You'll be receiving an e-mail concerning the final plans soon.

Join the Team! We could still use a couple of Sunday School teachers and some substitutes. You already have the necessary qualifications – a love for your Savior and a love for children – consider using your talents to contribute to our ministry here at Zion and grow in your faith at the same time. Contact Pastor Bode if you are interested (revsdb@aol.com / 262.483.0407).

Bible Study Due to the fellowship time after church next Sunday, our adult bible study will begin on Sunday, September 20th at 8:45 a.m. If you want some good reasons for why you should go, check the newsletter.

We thank Barb Olsen for serving as our accompanist for all the worship services this weekend.

The flowers on the altar today were placed to God's glory by John & Tina Uelmen on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary; also by Rich & Kathy Diels on the occasion of their 55th anniversary.

College Student Parents Do you have college-aged children away at college somewhere this fall? Please send a current address and contact information for them to the church office. You can call 629-5914 or e-mail Pastor Bode at revsdb@aol.com. Thank you!

Pick up a copy of the September calendar, church newsletter and *Forward in Christ*, which you'll find on the table near the kitchen. **Large print bulletins** may also be found there as well as some KML refrigerator magnets with some of the highlights of this school year. There are plenty of everything to go around.