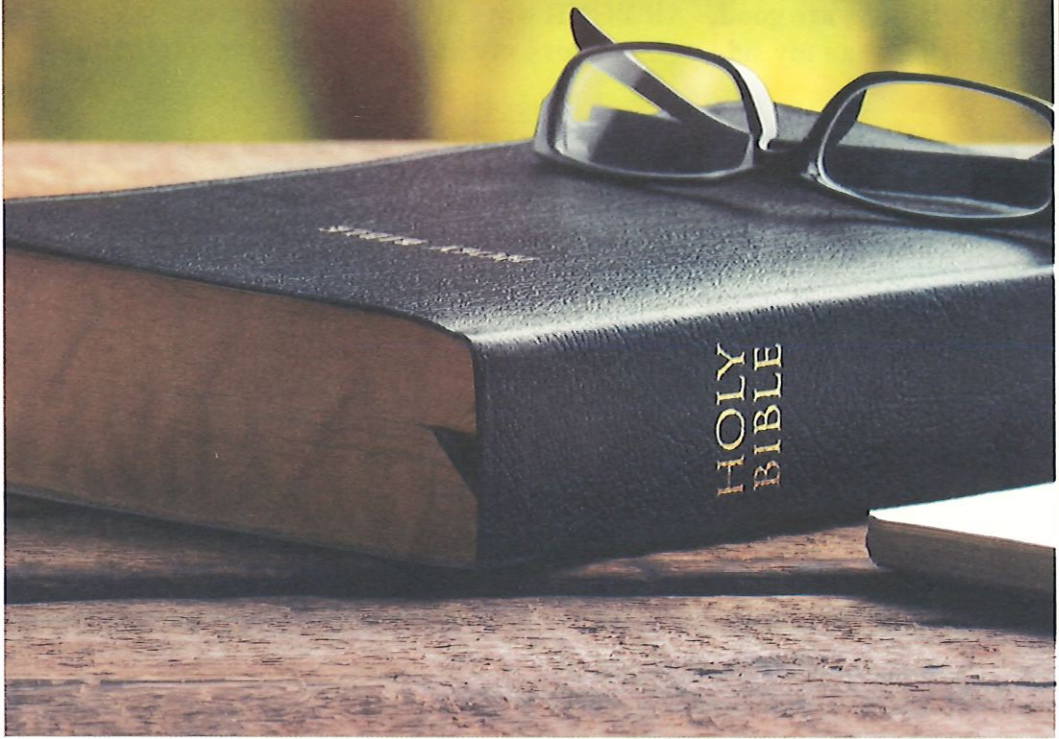


It is time to

SEEK THE LORD.

Hosea 10:12



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9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study

10:15 - Worship

Pastor: Darrell Weber

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Organist: Mrs. Mary Lu Bretsch

September 24th, 2023

PRELUDES

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Wilbur Held

LIGHTING CANDLES / WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING BELLS

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

* PRAISE SONG

"I Will Follow"

by Chris Tomlin

Where YOU go, I'll go, Where YOU stay, I'll stay
When YOU move, I'll move, I will follow

All YOUR ways are good, All YOUR ways are sure, I will trust in YOU alone
Higher than my side, High above my life, I will trust in YOU alone

Chorus

Where YOU go, I'll go, Where YOU stay, I'll stay
When YOU move, I'll move, I will follow YOU
Who YOU love, I'll love, How YOU serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow YOU, I will follow YOU

Light unto the world, Light unto my life, I will live for YOU alone
YOU're the one I seek, Knowing I will find, All I need in YOU u alone, in YOU alone

Chorus

In YOU there's life everlasting, In YOU there's freedom for my soul
In YOU there's joy, unending joy, And I will follow

Chorus (2 times)

I will follow YOU, I will follow YOU

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Luke 9:57-62

Pastor Someone said to JESUS, "I will follow YOU wherever YOU go."

People JESUS said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Pastor To another HE said, "Follow ME." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

People JESUS said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of GOD."

Pastor Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

People JESUS said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of GOD."

Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear JESUS, forgive us for failing to recognize the cost of following YOU – maybe missing out on the things of this world, or not being with our family. And, forgive us when we have been unwilling to pay that cost. Also, forgive us for the sin we committed this week, which we now confess to YOU in silence.

(please pray in silence)

JESUS, we thank YOU for paying the cost of our redemption in full upon the cross. Fill us with YOUR Word and SPIRIT to enable us to follow YOU more nearly and dearly.

Amen and Amen!

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from John 8:2

JESUS said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

* RESPONSE

"LORD, Be Glorified"

#542

In my life LORD, be glorified, be glorified! In my life LORD, be glorified today.

In my home LORD, be glorified, be glorified! In my home LORD, be glorified today.

In Your church LORD, be glorified, be glorified! In Your church LORD, be glorified today.

Listening to the LORD!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Matthew 4:18-22 (p 843)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Following JESUS - Following"

Praying to GOD!

JOYS/CONCERNS

We Thank YOU / Hear Our Prayer, O LORD!

INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For THINE is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen.

OFFERING

* RESPONSE

"Majesty"

#297

Majesty, worship HIS majesty, Unto JESUS be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from HIS throne, Unto HIS own, HIS anthem raise.

So exalt lift up on high the name of JESUS. Magnify, come glorify CHRIST JESUS the king.

Majesty, worship HIS majesty, JESUS who died now glorified, King of all kings.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

Sunday, September 24 - Food Pantry

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.

Monday, September 25

Preschool 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26

Z Team8:30 a.m.
 Garden Place Bible Study1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Bible Study11:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 28

Quilting 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 29

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1 - Communion

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.

Council Duties

Sunday, September 24

Kurt Pellmann
 Mary Lou Peter

Sunday, October 1

Barb Scharf
 Annette Hund
 Sherry Wynn
 Darren Doerr
 Mary Lou Peter (Comm.)

September 17, 2023

Giving: \$2,851.00
 Attendance: 65



Food Pantry - Our food pantry list for the month of September is: pancake mix, syrup, jelly, and sweet potatoes. The month of October is: cornbread mix, stuffing mix, cranberries, and pumpkin pie mix.

Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House -- Congregation Member Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs, keys, and money for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Amanda will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.



September 24, 2023
In the Hospital

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bruce Alberter
Donna Altemeier
Arik Barnes
Wanda Basse
David Becherer
Marilyn Beil
Roche Beine
Cindy Berelmann
Roberta Billhartz
Delores Bocker
Lindsay Bourn & Family
Baby Levi Boyle
Joyce Brand (Janice Seidlitz's Mother)
Shirley Brandenburger
Steve Crook
Roger Davis
Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother)
Wayne & Tricia DeCloux (Mark Riemann's Uncle and Aunt)
Ann Dietrich
Melissa Dietrich
Bill Ditch
Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-in-law)
Annie Dulle
Mark Eckman
Mark Emring
Mike French
Fritz Fritzinger
Lynn Gass
Mary (Boerke) Graham
Greg
Pearl Griebel
Baby Adalyn Harres
Carol & Jim Haury
Debbie Hoef
Family of Bonnie Holmes
Charlotte Hoock
Mary Hund
Gary & Sharon Jones
Judy Jones

Steve Jones
Joyce Kasper
Roger Keim
Billy Klopmeier
Scott (Barbra Knoth's Son)
Jim Kostelac
Elizabeth Koval
Tom & Renee Kreher
Kathy Kuehner
Family of Jessica LaDuke
Lucille Lang
Richard Madden (Kathi Trent's Brother)
Erin Mahoney
Charlotte Mehrtens
Kay Mehrtens
Lance Morris
Anna Belle Muskopf
Dean Norrenbem
Andrea Nunnally (Bill Savering's Niece)
Doris Obernagel
Baby Ariela Oliver
Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister)
Janet Pauketat
Mary Lou Peter
Sheila Peters
Stephanie Poletti
Lois Potter
Bruce Reece
Family of James Reece
Lucille Reece
Lyle Reuss
Dottie Rickard (Adam Hubb's Grandmother)
Rich Riemann
Cole Robinson & Family
Mark Robinson
The Family of Jim & Susan Savering
Janice Seidlitz
Glenn Schaeffer
Jan & Cindy Schneider
Toni Schneider

Mitch Scott
Family of Irene Skaer
Nancy Smith
Shelly Smith
Mike Speichinger
Sharon & Edgar Stallmann
Mary Stevenson
Lisa Taake
Steve Tade
Ray Teliczan
Mike Toenjes
Rich Trent
Elizabeth Tubbs
Baby Ty
Lacey Grace Valentine
Mark Vandenmyde
Helen Vigna
Bill & Donna Ward
Mary Weldele
Joan Wilkins
Jeffrey Willey
Crue Wilson
Bart & Kelley

JOYS

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request - place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Kasey Davis, Robin Davis, Al Wirth, Tristen & Stefan Cashwell, and Joshua Trent serving in the States. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.

Jesus said "Follow Me"

- Matt. 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Matt. 8:22 And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."
- Matt. 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him
- Matt. 10:38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me
- Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me
- Matt. 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
- Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
- Mark 2:14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him
- Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me
- Mark 10:21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
- Luke 5:27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me."
- Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me
- Luke 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
- Luke 18:22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
- John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
- John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me
- John 12:26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him
- John 13:36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."
- John 21:19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." 22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"

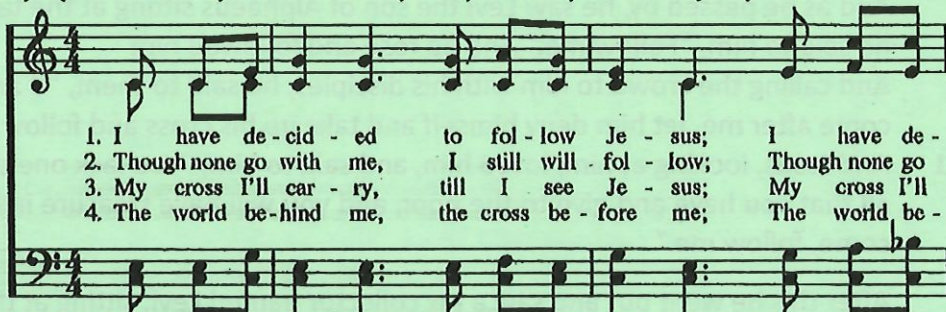
WORSHIP LEADER: "The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me. Where I am, there My servant also will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. I am the light of the world."

WORSHIPERS: "Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

(John 8:12; 12:25, 26)

434 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Luke 9:23



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
 2. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; Though none go
 3. My cross I'll car - ry, till I see Je - sus; My cross I'll
 4. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 with me, I still will fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will
 car - ry, till I see Je - sus; My cross I'll car - ry, till I see
 hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -



Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS: St. 1, 2, Garo Christians; st. 3, John Clark
 MUSIC: Indian Folk Song; arr. William J. Reynolds

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