

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz

Every Week at Zions: 10:30 Worship

Sunday School and Wednesday night activities will resume in fall.

Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6 CORONATION
 Music: Oliver Holden, 1765–1844 86 86 86

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word
 and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your son to be the true bread of heaven
 and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44 (*pg. 293 in pew Bible*)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty
 loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let
 them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated,
 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some
 left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

After the Reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18 (*pg. 506 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

L: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your
 kingdom.

C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

L: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

C: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

C: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

L: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

C: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21 (*pg. 950 in pew Bible*)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

What a mighty God we serve, What a mighty God we serve, Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** John 6:1-21 (*pg. 867 in pew Bible*)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks,

he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Teitman

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*



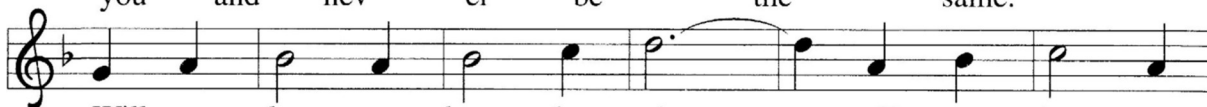
1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, "Lord in you mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ." respond: **Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Zion's Choir

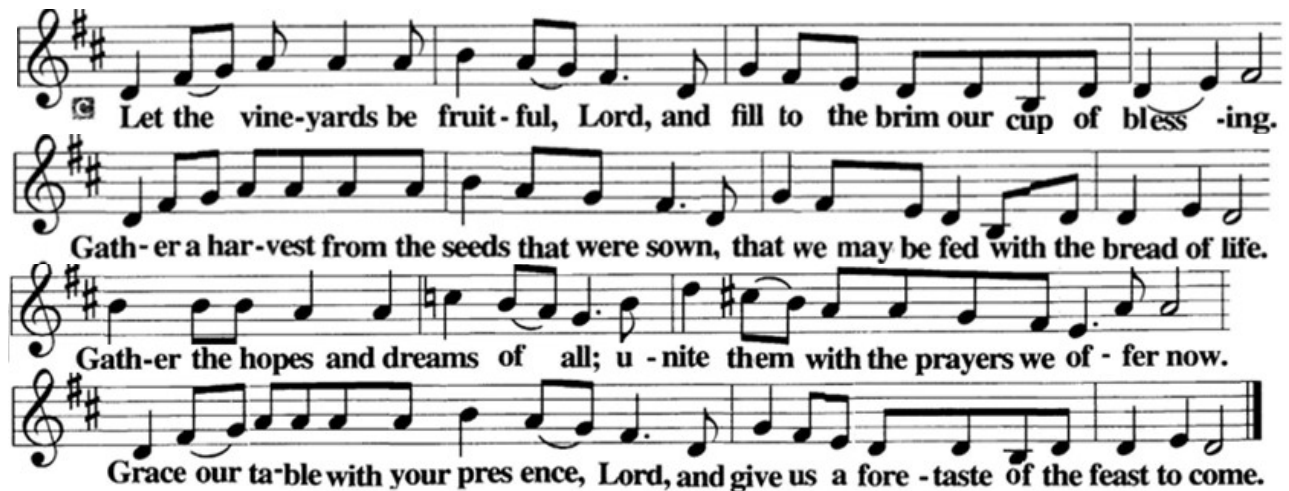
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer.

Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



*OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in
the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for creating us to live together in unity and for forgiving our failures in following your call.

Blessed are you, Abba Father, for sending your beloved Son and for adopting us to be your family of sisters and brothers. Lord we receive this good news.

C: Lord, we receive this good news.

P: Blessed are you, Sovereign of mercy, for establishing your kingdom in Jesus the Messiah. He healed the sick and welcomed women and men, and taught the commandments.

Blessed is he, the Son of Man, who became a servant to all, and who overcomes the might of Satan until the end of time. Lord, we believe this good news.

C: Lord, we believe this good news.

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember the good news of his life given for us, his death on the cross, and his rising from the tomb, and together we say:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: By the power of your Spirit, hidden in the ministry of Jesus, reveal yourself to us here, hidden in this bread and cup. Do not forsake us, but save us in the time of trial. By this mystery of Christ's body and blood, cast out our demons, cleanse our hearts, and strengthen our service toward all in need. Lord, do not ever forsake us.

C: Lord, do not ever forsake us.

P: To you, Lord God, the Blessed One, and to your Son, coming at the end in glory, and to the Holy Spirit, descending on us now like a dove, be all our praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **C: Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

LAMB OF GOD (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #641 All Are Welcome

(next pages)

#495 We Who Once Were Dead

#412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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We Who Once Were Dead

1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall

as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

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| 5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead. | 6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign. |
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Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,

the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.

The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance.
 when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially for John, and we pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Grant that we, with John, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: WOV 801 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome, Pastor John Teitman as our preacher today, on the occasion of Pastor Merkel's 50th anniversary of ordination. Pastor Teitman is a friend and colleague of Pastor Merkel, currently serving as a hospital chaplain at the UVA hospital in Haymarket.

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Jaxin, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of war-torn countries.

Thanks be to God...and, let's celebrate! Pastor John Merkel celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry...that's fifty years of weddings, funerals, baptisms, sermons, Council and committee meetings, counseling, worship, teaching, and more in several different congregations! You are invited to a celebratory luncheon following worship today! (if you didn't sign-up, no problem) Stop in and celebrate with us!

Check out "July's Member to Remember" on the bulletin board! Ingrid Erb is this month's star! You can read about her faith and favorite experiences at Zion's in the weekly e-mail, or on the bulletin board by the Church Office.

This Week at Zions:

July 31, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Next Week at Zions:

August 7, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Other News from Zions:

Input Needed: Zion's annual afternoon of service, "God's Work, Our Hands" is upcoming on September 8. We have a number of indoor projects planned, *but are seeking recommendations on an outside project. Do you know a person, place, or organization that could use some weeding, chopping, painting, or light repair work? If so, please let Pastor Caitlin or Elaine Ludwig know as soon as possible.*

Did you know? Zion's could use a few more GREETERS to welcome people to worship. This is someone who greets worshipers on their way upstairs. The skills needed for this position are the ability to shake a hand and say "Hello," "Good Morning," "Welcome," or another similar friendly greeting. If you find this interesting and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Noël Strattan at (717) 865-7747.

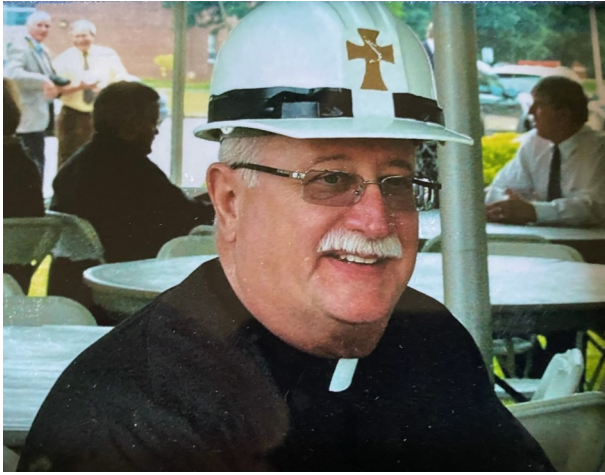
***** GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR AUGUST! *****

It's that time of year! We are less than one month out from our annual Back to School Blessings event, which will be held on Saturday, August 24! Please note this date CHANGE; the event will be held at the Northern Education Center / former Jonestown Elementary building. This event, started by Zion's but now sponsored by the NL Ministerium, provides new sneakers, jeans, socks, underwear, school supplies, and a back to school outfit to children in our community who are in need. We anticipate serving at least 175 students. YOU can help by volunteering prior to, or the day of the event (email adreiner74@gmail.com) and/or by providing a financial contribution towards the event. Contributions of any amount are welcome, and can be made payable to the NL Ministerium or Zion's, marked for "Back to School". For reference, \$125 will fully sponsor an older student, \$100 will sponsor a younger student, \$30 will sponsor a filled backpack and \$10 will sponsor socks/underwear. THANK YOU!

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Grace Ludwig	Kerri Price
Prayer	Betty Kleinfelter	Ann Kulp
Children's sermon	Pastor Caitlin	Noel Strattan
Comm. Assts.	Deb Long Pastor John Teitman	Elaine Ludwig Linda Wenrich
Greeter		
Acolyte	Levi Bucks	Greyson McQuaide
Crucifer	Logan Livingston	Daryl Hess
Altar Guild	Strattan/Wenrich	Strattan/Wenrich
Elevette	Ann Kulp	Steve Bucks
Ushers	July: Luke Hiester, Jim Fowler / Aug. Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe	

An USHER sign-up sheet has been posted on the large bulletin board in the gathering area. If you can share your gifts as an usher, please sign-up! Positions are still available!!



Today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of ordination for Pastor John Merkel. As Bishop Dunlop's letter shares "This is an opportunity to thank God for bestowing upon [Pastor Merkel] the Office of Pastor and equipping [him] to be a faithful steward, preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, forming many in faith, equipping young people for Christian discipleship, and caring for God's people with love and compassion. It is indeed a holy privilege and blessed trust God has given [him], and indeed to the whole Church of Jesus Christ, for which we rejoice and give thanks to God."

These congregations, in particular, were touched by Pastor Merkel's ministry: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Berlin, NH (1974-1982); Grace Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD (1982-1988); Hill Lutheran Church in Cleona, PA (1988-1990); St. James Lutheran in Lebanon, PA (1991-2006); and Palm Lutheran in Palmyra (2006-2017). Of course, we would also add Zion's Lutheran in Jonestown to that official list, albeit in a different capacity. We are grateful for Pastor Merkel, and Judy's, presence among us, and for the countless ways they have, and continue to, serve the Church.