

# WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand

of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**\*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: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (*pg. 55 in pew Bible*)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 78:23-29 (*pg. 468 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

**Congregation: he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.**

L: Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

**C: He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;**

L: he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

**C: he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.**

L: And they ate and were well filled,

**C: for he gave them what they craved.**

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 951 in pew Bible)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*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 6:24-35 (pg. 867 in pew Bible)

*Before reading:* P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 6th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

**SERMON:** Pastor Newell Embley

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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HOLY MANNA  
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Music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

## 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 your mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "We lift these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping." respond: **Amen**)

### \*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

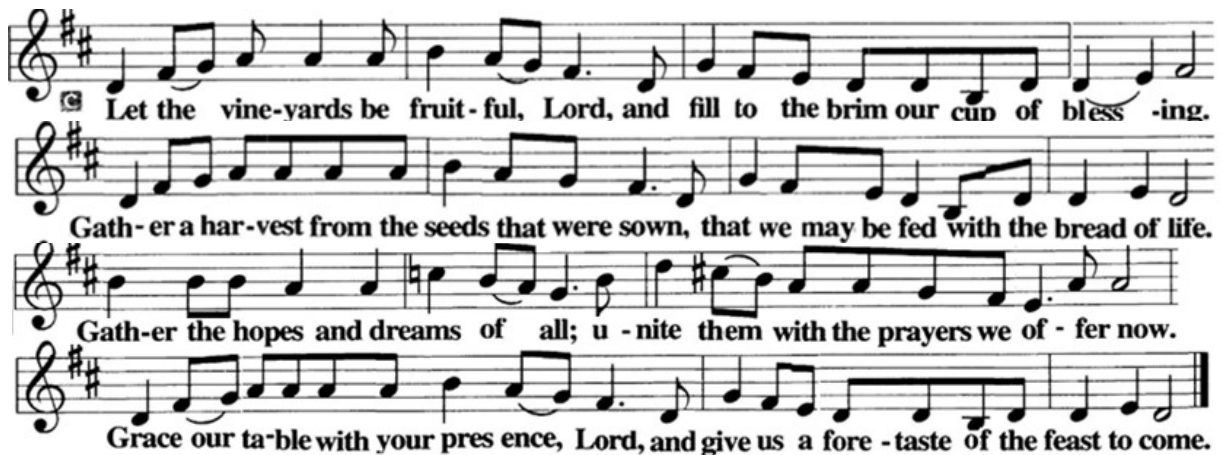
### SPECIAL MUSIC

## 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.*

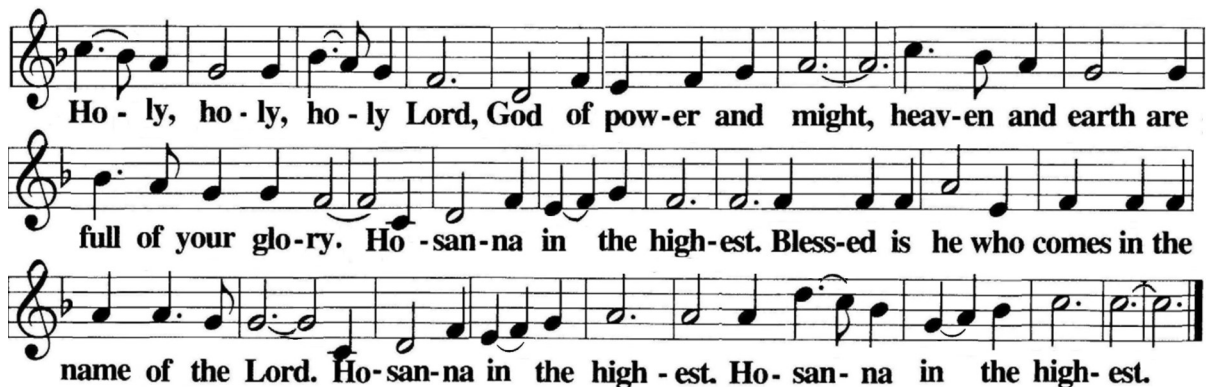
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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.*

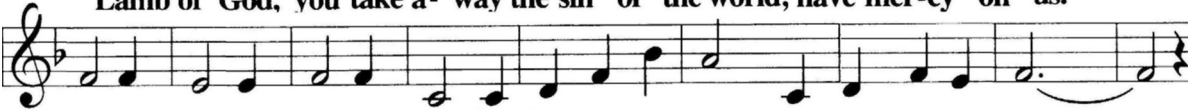
“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from 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:** #701 *What Feast of Love*  
(WOV-blue book) #705 *As the Grains of Wheat*  
#710 *One Bread, One Body*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND SENDING OF COMMUNION**

P: Generous God, in this bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**C: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**\*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: LBW 343** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

*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 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me  
wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,

Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**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!

**Welcome, Pastor Newell Embley** as our worship leader and preacher today. Pastor Embley is a retired pastor in our synod who served 10 years in Lancaster city and 28 years in Leola. We are grateful for your presence and message during Pastor Caitlin's vacation. Pastor Caitlin will return on Sunday, August 11. If you are in need of pastoral care this week, please call Pastor Cheri Korte at 718 606 8851.

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

**This Week at Zions:**

August 7, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

**Next Week at Zions:**

August 11, Sunday @ 10:30 worship "Camp Sunday"

August 12, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting

August 14, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

**Other News from Zions:**

**Next Sunday, August 11 is Camp Sunday!** Zion's had thirteen people attend Lutheran summer camp this year, and one work at Kirchenwald as a counselor! This Sunday, campers will say THANK YOU for your support (we provide 50% scholarships for all who want them), and will get to hear about all that they learned and experienced.

**Save the Date: God's Work, Our Hands:** Afternoon of Service Sunday, September 8 Got a few hours to share? Want to make a difference in our local and global communities? Plan to stay for a quick lunch after worship on Sunday, September 8, then join with others from our congregation in a variety of service projects as part of the ELCA's annual day of service wherein we do "God's work [with] our hands". We'll be packing college care packages, finishing up quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and possibly making some freezer meals to have on hand when needed. *We are also still looking for an outdoor service opportunity--if you have any ideas, please let Pastor Caitlin or Elaine Ludwig know. There will be a job for every age and ability!*



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

**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](mailto:adreiner74@gmail.com)) or use this QR code . . . . . 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!



**Did you know? Zion's could use a few more GREETERS** to welcome people to worship. This is someone who stands at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and greets worshippers 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. Rotation is based on your willingness to serve and your availability. If you find this interesting and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Noël Strattan at (717) 865-7747.

**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!!

**\*\*\* GREETERS ARE NEEDED! \*\*\* a New Greeter sign-up** is available online, if you are able to serve in this way, please contact Noel Strattan, [dns@telecommute.net](mailto:dns@telecommute.net).

**Council Highlights** are available. You can pick up a copy from the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

**LARGE PRINT bulletins** are now available with the elevette bulletins and the ushers. For now, we are printing a limited number and will adapt according to need. If this would be helpful for you, or a family member, PLEASE take one, and share feedback with Pastor Caitlin.

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Kerri Price	John Mohn
Prayer	Ann Kulp	Seth Kurtz
Children's sermon	Noel Strattan	Joanna Guldin-Noll
Comm. Assts.	Linda Wenrich Elaine Ludwig	Kelly Rittle
Greeter	Elaine Ludwig	
Acolyte	Greyson McQuaide	Izaac McQuaide
Crucifer	Daryl Hess	Xander McQuaide
Altar Guild	Strattan/ Wenrich	Bucks family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Noel Strattan
Ushers	August- Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe, Jim Fowler	