

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz

Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School

Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: ELW 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

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

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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***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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



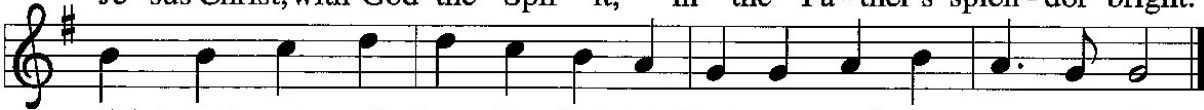
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (pg. 746 in pew Bible)

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (pg. 477 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Congregation: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16 (*pg. 972 in pew Bible*)

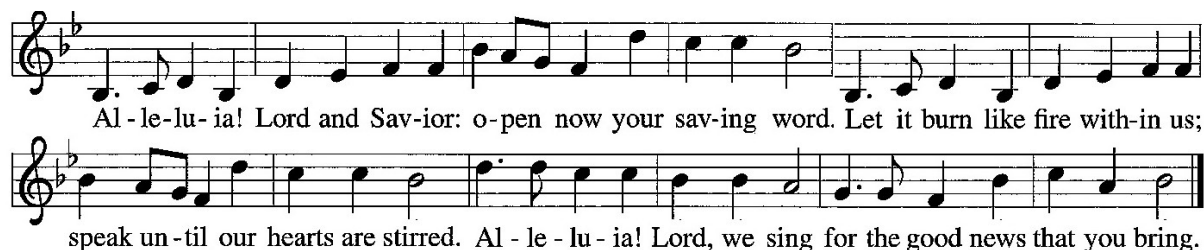
Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

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

Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word. Let it burn like fire with - in us;
speak un - til our hearts are stirred. Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL:** Mark 10:17-31 (*pg. 822 in pew Bible*)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV 797 *O God beyond All Praising*

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still;
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

(after hearing the final petition, "Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever." **C:Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

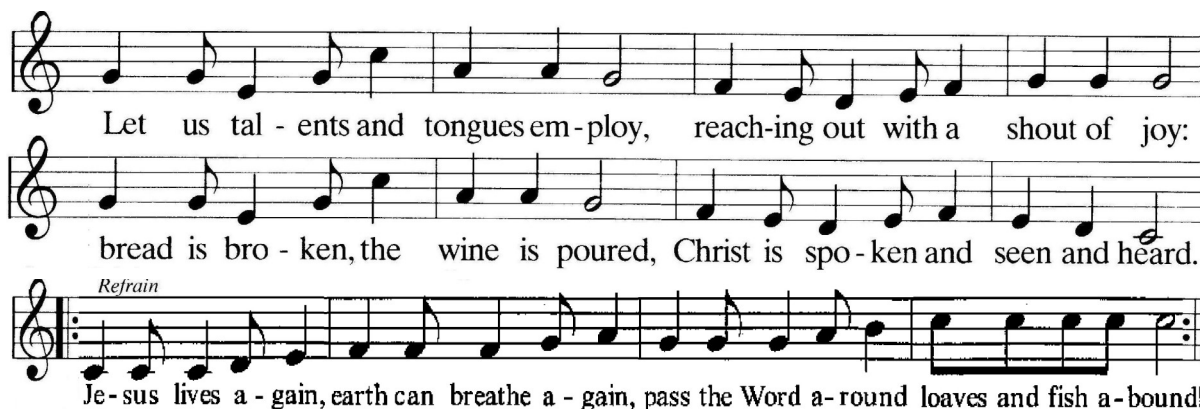
CHOIR ANTHEM

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 us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round loaves and fish a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 Music: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980 © 1975 Hope Publishing Co. LINSTeAD L M and refrain

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

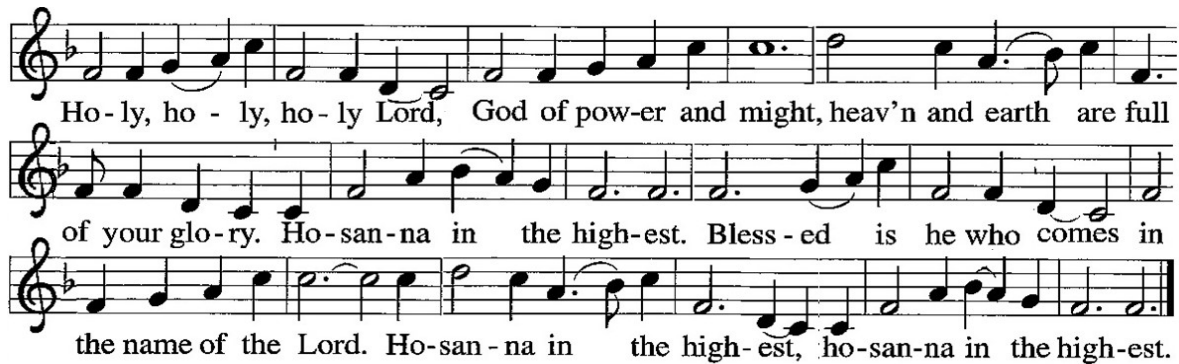
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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'n 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: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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)

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #415 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
 (LBW - green book) #408 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
 #406 *Take My Life, that I May Be*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW 646 *The Peace of the Lord*

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 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the

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Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to

chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not

me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
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***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world! 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 worshiping 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: Family and friends of Donald Kleinfelter, Philip Mohn, Nancy Winklebleck, Betty Kleinfelter, Pastor Ted Hummel, Marta, Alexa, Luke, Tom Keefer, Jean Fowler, hurricane victims and all victims of violence .

This Week at Zions:

- Oct. 13, Sunday @ 9:15 am Dudes & Donuts and Women of the Word meet
- Oct. 13, Sunday @ 4:00 pm Blessing of the animals
- Oct. 14, Monday @ 6:30 Church council meeting
- Oct. 15, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting *** NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS ***
- Oct. 16, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Next Week at Zions:

- Oct. 21, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting
- Oct. 22, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting ** NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS **
- Oct. 23, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal
- Oct. 26, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles meet

Special Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, October 20. The roof of our kitchen has been leaking, with increasing intensity, for several weeks. We had hoped it could be fixed, but the damage is too extensive. The good news is--a roof of this kind typically has a life expectancy of 15-20 years, and it served us well for 62 years! The bad news is--roofs are expensive. On Sunday, October 20, the Congregation will meet after worship to approve spending up to \$25,000 from the Capital Fund to replace the roof over the kitchen and Pastor's office as soon as possible. The current balance of the Capital Fund is \$25,141.48.

LATER TODAY !! : October 13: Blessing of the Animals service at 4 PM on the church lawn. (Rain will cancel the service, watch facebook and website) Please bring an item to donate to the Lebanon County Humane Society. All humans and (controlled) animals are welcome!

Babies and Bibles: Saturday October 26 at 9 AM Jesus says "Let the little children come unto me". Through this ministry, we share the Good News of scripture with the youngest members of our congregation, and their families, surrounding them with a caring community as they grow in faith. Children ages birth through age four (and older siblings) are welcome to attend, with their adults. This year, we are exploring the fruit of the Spirit--with a focus on Gentleness this month.

The Peace from Pieces quilting day has changed to Tuesday beginning at 9 AM.

Weekly Sunday School is in session! Classes begin at 9:15 AM each Sunday morning, for children as young as three, up through adults. See Pastor Caitlin for more information about the different classes.

Youth choir will meet after church in the sanctuary on for practice. There are no age restrictions to participate, and we can't wait to have you help us make a joyful noise and help to lead worship this year! Contact Joanna Guldin (joanna.guldin@gmail.com or 717-228-9846) for information.

Like to cook? Want to support life-giving ministry? Twice a month, our Wednesday night meal is pot-luck style (casseroles one time, soups another), with participants asked to bring a dish to share. Some weeks we run short for a variety of reasons, including difficult household situations (for whom the hot Wednesday night meal and fellowship time is especially helpful!). If you'd be able to contribute a casserole or pot of soup from time to time, it would be a gift! Please let Pastor Caitlin or Judy Merkel know so we can include you on communications--you can prepare a dish to freeze and keep at church for when it's needed, or sign up for a date that would be convenient for you. Thank you!

The NL Clothing Closet could use your time! We are open seven days a week, and in particular need for volunteers on Thursday evenings (3:30 - 7 PM) and Saturday morning (9:30-1 PM) Volunteers help process and sort, stock new clothing, maintain shelves and racks in shopping areas, launder donations, perform shopper intake, assist shoppers *and best of all: meet new friends as you serve our neighbors!* If you are interested in learning more, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Joan Lehman 717-450-6767 or lehman.joan51@gmail.com

Our “Loaves and Fishes” campaign is over half way to our goal of \$3000.00 to fund six fish farms (\$250/each) and thirty home gardens (\$50/each including seeds, tools, and agricultural training). You can give through Simply Giving, PayPal, or the yellow envelopes in your pews. THANK YOU for your generosity!

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

Check out “October’s Member to Remember” on the bulletin board. Nancy Winklebleck is this month’s star! You can read about her faith and experiences at Zion’s in the weekly e-mail or on the bulletin board by the church office.

Need a study Bible? We have multiple, brand new paper back copies of the Lutheran Study Bible, and we'd love to give you one! We used to give these to our Confirmation students but have found that they don't always hold up to their use, so now we give them hardback versions. In addition to scripture, these Bibles are full of informational tidbits and devotional questions. Pick up on today in the Gathering Area!

Serving at Zion’s	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Kristen Hoffer
Prayer	Izaak McQuaide	Kelly Rittle
Children’s sermon	Ed Ludwig	Christine Techky
Comm. Assts.	Deb Long, Judy Merkel	Linda Wenrich, Linda Toth
Greeter	Elaine Ludwig	
Acolyte	Madelyn Rittle	Derek Wolfe
Crucifer	Xander McQuaide	Rob McQuaide
Altar Guild	Buck family	Merkel family
Elevette	Tom Frey	Ann Kulp
Ushers	Oct: Rob & Xander McQuaide, Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe	

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin
SOUND: Houser family
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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 If you are able to serve in this way, please contact Noel Strattan, dns@telecommute.net or a Greeter sign-up is available online.

Zion's is looking for a few more CRUCIFERS. A crucifer is someone who carries a cross. At Zion's, this involves leading the procession at the beginning and end of the service. Our crucifer also helps by refilling the chalices (the wine cups) from the flagon (the large pitcher of wine) as needed. Any adult or confirmed youth who can carry the cross is eligible to be a crucifer. Crucifers serve one week at a time, scheduled around your availability. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact the Church Office or call or text Michelle McQuaide at (330) 958-3399.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available with the elevette bulletins and the ushers.