# WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 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

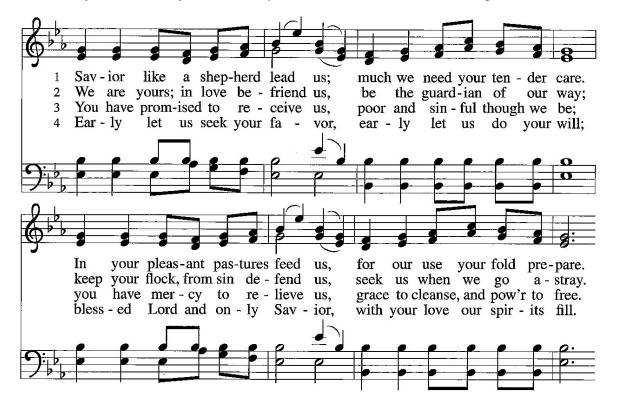
P: Gracious God,

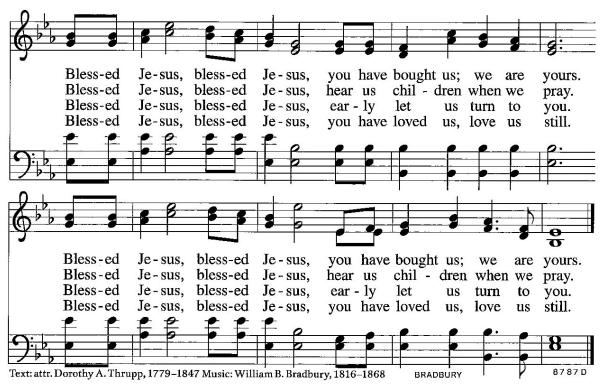
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In 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 789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

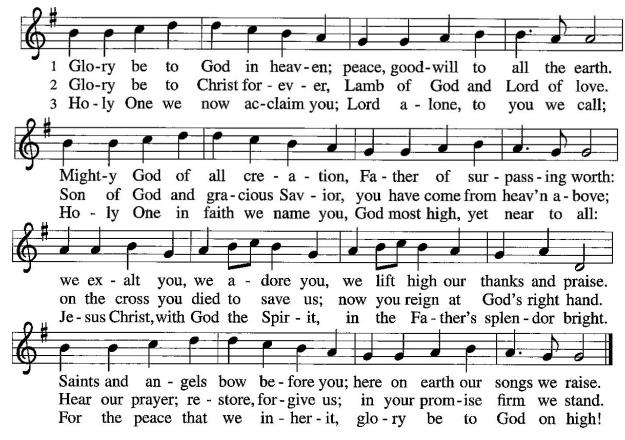




\*Apostolic Greeting

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



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### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12 (pg. 596 in pew Bible)

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 91:9-16 (pg. 477 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,

Congregation: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

L: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

C: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

L: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

## C: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation..

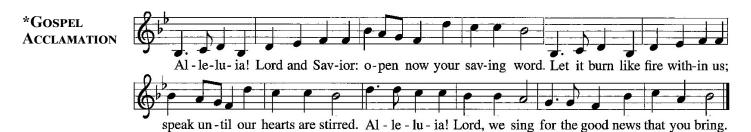
## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10 (pg. 973 in pew Bible)

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## 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. Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.



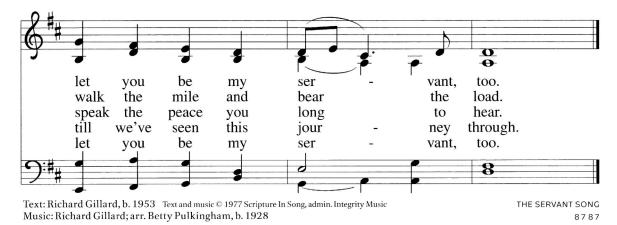
### **\*Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45 (pg. 823 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord. They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them: they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.' James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant





## **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 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.

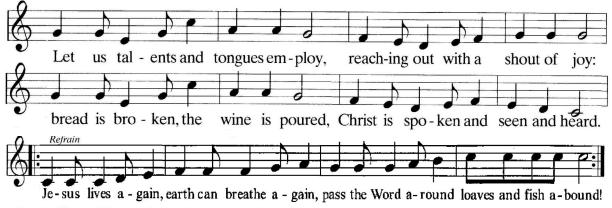
## CHOIR ANTHEM

### 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**



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## **\*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.** 



### **\*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**

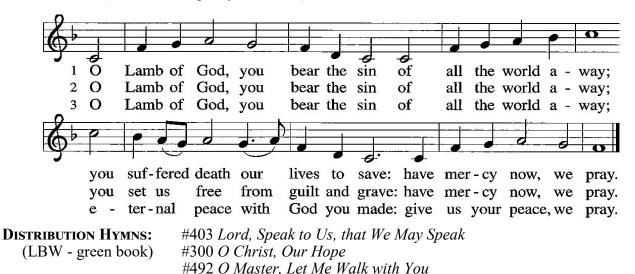
P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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)



#### **\*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.

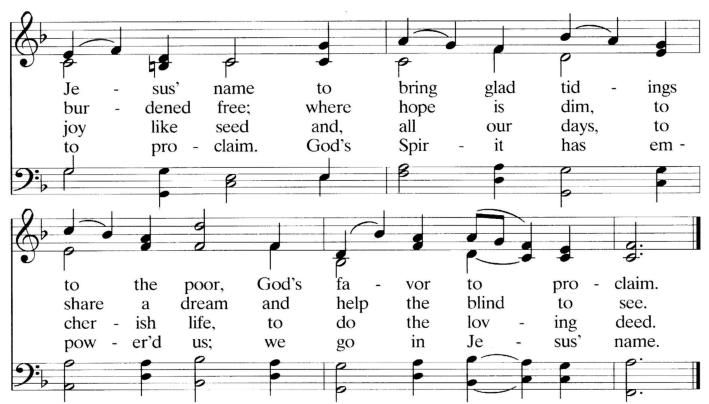
#### \*BENEDICTION

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: WOV 723 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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.





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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**: Andy Bomberger, family and friends of 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. 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 meet 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship

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

### Next Week at Zions:

Oct. 28, Monday @ 6:30 pm Mission Ministry meeting

Oct. 29, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting \*\*\* NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS \*\*\*

Oct. 30, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship,

6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

### **Other News from Zions:**

**Today,** following worship, **we will have a special congregational meeting to approve up to \$25,000 in funding** to replace the roof that covers the kitchen and pastor's office. Property solicited three estimates and made a recommendation to Council, which Council approved, to contract with Jeff Maz Roofing for \$15,500 to replace the roof. We are allocating additional dollars to replace the ceiling tiles and insulation that was ruined by the leak, and to cover any unexpected expenses that arise during the replacement. It is imperative that this work be completed before winter arrives. The money will come from the Capital Fund, which has a current balance of \$25,141. *We hope you can stay after worship on Sunday to be part of this brief but important meeting*.

**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.

**Next Sunday, October 27 is Reformation Sunday!** This festival day honors the work and discoveries of Martin Luther, particularly with regard to God's grace, the need for the Bible to be in the common language of the people, and the conviction that we are all, at all times, both 'saint' and 'sinner'. We invite you to wear the color red, symbolic of the Spirit, as we consider what these truths mean today and give thanks for the Spirit's continued work in our lives and the church.

**Next Sunday is ALSO Generosity Sunday,** an opportunity for us to respond to God's gracious gifts with intentional giving that supports God's work in and through Zion's. You should have already received a Generosity Card in the mail, which we invite you to thoughtfully complete and return next Sunday. Extra copies of the card will also be available next Sunday, or can be completed online using this QR code. THANK YOU for your partnership in ministry as we seek to serve Christ together.

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** has reached \$2,128 of our \$3000.00 goal 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.

**Newsletter from our Young Adult in Global Mission** Most year's Zion's sponsors a Young Adult in Global Mission, through the ELCA. Carolina is our student for this year, serving in Cambodia. You can read her latest newsletter on the bulletin board outside 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!

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.

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

Serving at Zion's		Today		Next Sunday	
Lector		Kristen Hoffer		Noel Strattan	
Prayer		Kelly Rittle		John Noll	
Children's sermon		Christine Techky		Pastor Caitlin	
Comm. Assts.		Linda Wenrich, Linda Toth		Ed & Elaine Ludwig	
Greeter				Elaine Ludwig	
Acolyte		Derek Wolfe		Izaac McQuaide	
				Nolan Anspach	
Crucifer		Rob McQuaide		Logan Livingston	
Altar Guild		Merkel family		Strattan/ Wenrich	
Elevette		Ann Kulp		Steve Bucks	
Ushers	shers Oct: Rob & Xander McQuaide, Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe				
MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin SOUND: Houser family ZION'S OFFICE: 717-865-2848 zions@comcast.net		VIDEOGRAPHER: James Cascarino PASTOR: Caitlin M. Kurtz PASTOR'S OFFICE: 717-865-3652 pastorckurtz@gmail.com			

**Youth choir** will meet after church in the sanctuary on for practice. There are no age restrictions to participate. Contact Joanna Guldin (joanna.guldin@gmail.com or 717-228-9846) for information.

**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.