

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
20th Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 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 641 *All Are Welcome* v. 1-4

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



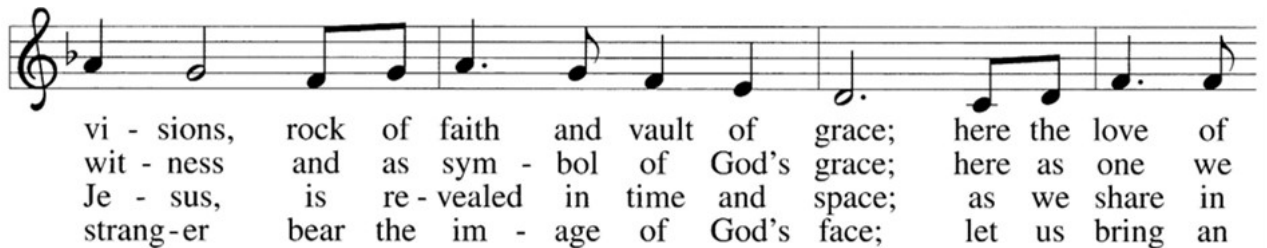
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and




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




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



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



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:



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

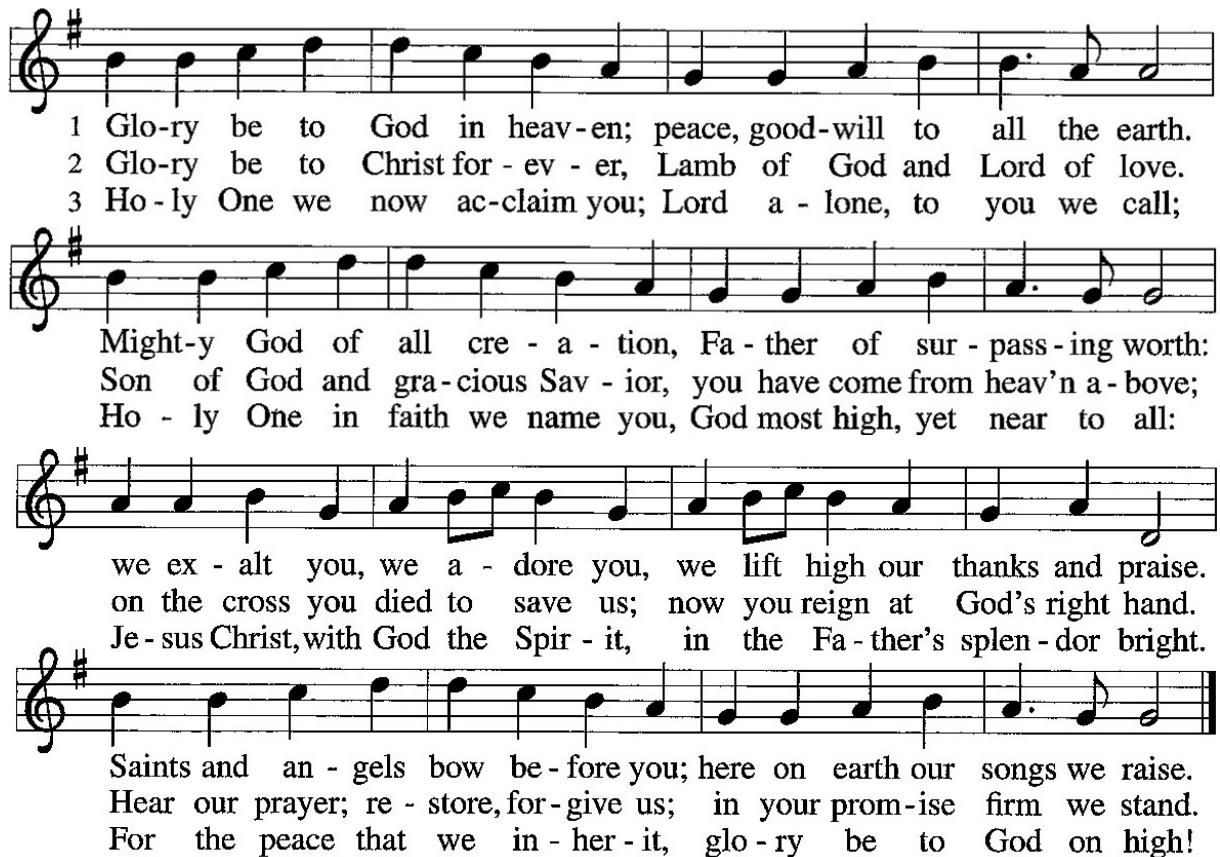
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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24 (*pg. 2 in pew Bible*)

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

PSALM: Psalm 8 (*pg. 427 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Congregation: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

C: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

C: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Congregation: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (*pg. 970 in pew Bible*)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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 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 10:2-16 (pg. 822 in pew Bible)

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

SERMON by Bishop Jim Dunlop

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 603 *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,
 to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing, all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889 Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company MERTON 87 87

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.**

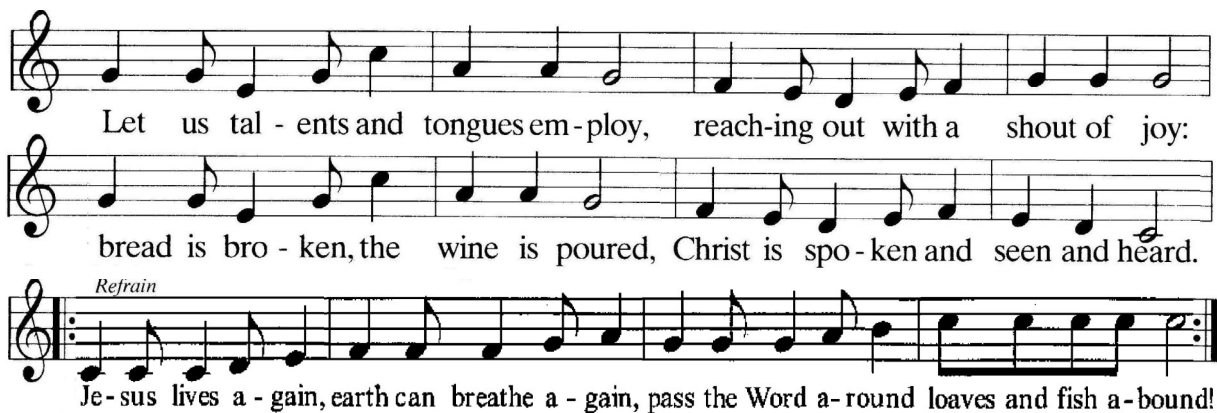
CHOIR ANTHEM

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



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.

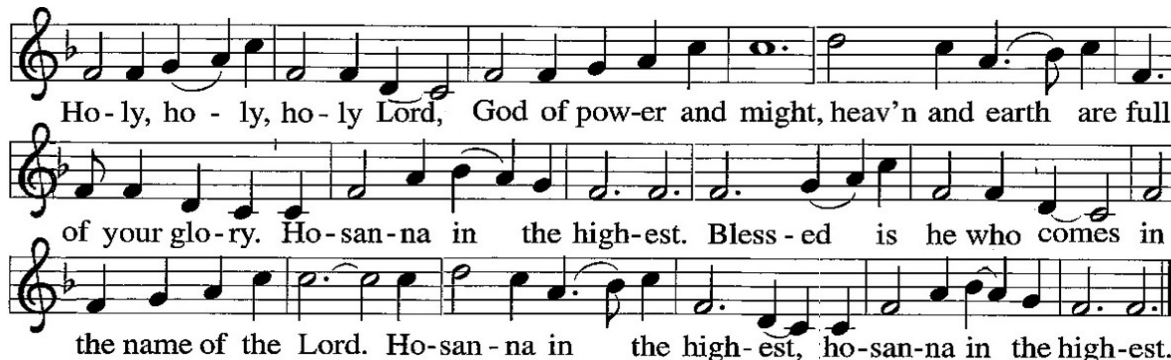
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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:** #370 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
 (LBW - green book) #561 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 #359 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***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 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 840 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67 67 66 66

***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!

TODAY we welcome Bishop Jim Dunlop. Bishop Dunlop has served as the Bishop of our synod since 2013, and will be retiring next year. We invited him to worship with us, and share a word about the state of the Church, as he sees it, before his retirement. We can learn from his experiences, as we participate in the life of the larger Church.

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Family & friends of Donald Kleinfelter, Bruce Northridge, Nancy Winklebleck, Betty Kleinfelter, Pastor Ted Hummel, Marta, Alexa, Luke, Tom Keefer, Jean Fowler, all victims of violence and those affected by Hurricane Helene.

This Week at Zions:

- Oct. 7, Monday @ 6:30 pm Finance committee meeting
- Oct. 8, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting **** NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS ****
- Oct. 9, 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. 13, Sunday @ 9:15 am Dudes & Donuts and Women of the Word meet
- Oct. 14, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting
- Oct. 15, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting ***** NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS *****
- Oct. 16, Wednesday @ 10:30 am NL Ministerium meeting
- Oct. 16, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Men's and Women's Bible studies will meet NEXT Sunday, Oct. 13, and continue on the second Sunday of each month. Donuts and coffee will be available.

Other News from Zions:

Our "Loaves and Fishes" campaign has reached almost \$1000.00! Can you help us reach 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!

NEXT SUNDAY : 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!

The Peace from Pieces quilting day has changed to Tuesday beginning at 9 AM, effective immediately

Weekly Sunday School: Children ages four through fifth grade *with their adult (parent, grandparent, friend)* meet in a downstairs classroom. Students in Confirmation (typically 6th - 8th grade) meet with Pastor Caitlin in the "Martin" room. Ann Kulp teaches the adult class which meets in the "Katie" room. The adult class will be looking at "Holy Places" in September, and beginning a study on nature in scripture in October.

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 Houser Family would like to thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers we received after the sudden death of our son and brother, Bob. The support was greatly appreciated and we felt the love from our church family.

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	Linda Toth	Joanna Guldin-Noll
Prayer	Grace Ludwig	Izaac McQuaide
Children's sermon	Christine Techky	Ed Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Linda Wenrich, Bishop Dunlop	Deb Long, Judy Merkel
Greeter	Ann Kulp	Elaine Ludwig
Acolyte	Gracie Bucks	Madelyn Rittle
Crucifer	Daryl Hess	Xander McQuaide
Altar Guild	Merkel family	Buck family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Tom Frey
Ushers	October: Rob & Xander McQuaide, Rick Herr	

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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.

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

September Council Highlights are available. Pick up a copy on the large bulletin board 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.

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.