

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School
Wednesdays 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits, 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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **C: Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:** ELW 438 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual

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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**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people 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. 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. 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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and you will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3 (pg. 729 in pew Bible)

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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

PSALM: Psalm 16 (pg. 430 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Congregation: I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

L: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

L: You show me the path of life.

C: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-25 (pg. 976 in pew Bible)

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

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

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

***GOSPEL:** Mark 13:1-8 (pg. 825 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 652 *Built on a Rock*

Text: Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior confess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:

“I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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, "We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior." **C:Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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'r and might: Heav-en and earth
 are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. 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.

***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**

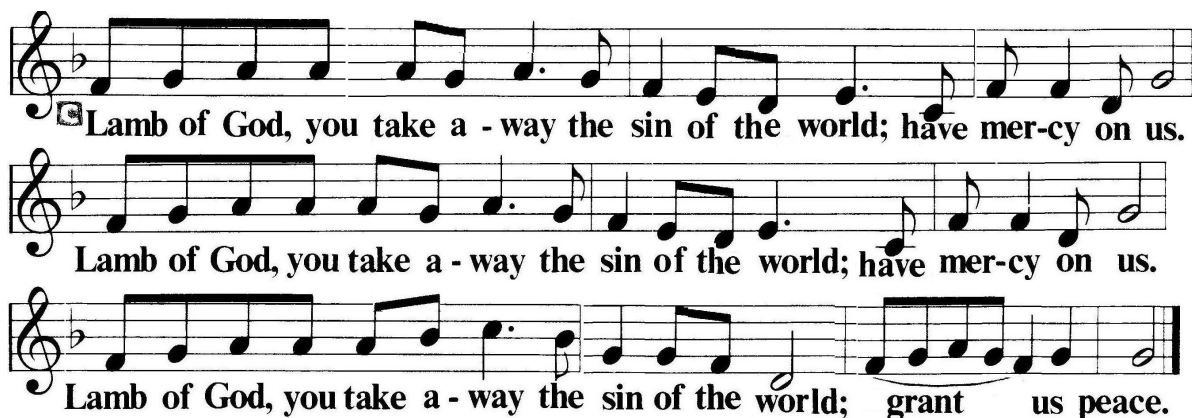
P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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)



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #341 *Jesus, Still Lead On*
(LBW - green book) #346 *When Peace, like a River*
#205 *Now the Silence*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 546 *To Be Your Presence*

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 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
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***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in 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!

We **Welcome Pastor Hal Fox** to Zions and thank him sincerely for leading our worship this morning.

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Kelly, Stephen, Miriam, Dean, Jeff, Peggy, Val, Brooke, Chris, Jeanne, Randy, Andy Bomberger, Nancy Winklebleck, Pastor Ted Hummel, hurricane victims and all victims of violence.

This Week at Zions:

- Nov. 18, Monday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting
- Nov. 19, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
- Nov. 19, Tuesday @ 10:00 am Preschool event
- Nov. 20, Wednesday @ 10:30 NL Ministerium meeting
- Nov. 20, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship,
6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal
- Nov. 22, Friday @ 10:00 am Preschool event
- Nov. 23, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles meets

Next Week at Zions:

Nov. 25, Monday @ 6:30 pm Mission Ministry committee meeting

Nov. 26, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Nov. 27, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship,
6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Advent Devotionals are available for pick up, and, this year, there are bonus weeks! Following an ancient tradition of Advent being as long as Lent, this year's devotions are seven weeks long. They follow the theme "More than words", exploring the traditional 'words' of Advent--hope, peace, joy, and love-- also our focus during worship this year.

Prepare Ye the Way! An Advent wreath workshop will be held on Sunday, December 1 at 9:15 AM in the Social Hall. We have NEW wreath forms this year, which are smaller in size and will perhaps fit better in your home (of course, you're welcome to bring a form from home, too) We'll also spend some time exploring the themes of Advent--hope, peace, joy, and love--and equipping you with tools to observe the season in your home. ALL are welcome! *There are no individual Sunday School classes this day.*

For the Healing of the Nations Worship Service: Next Sunday, November 24, is Christ the King Sunday. As we celebrate Jesus' reign over all the world, we will pray specifically for peace around the world, offer anointing, and have the opportunity to participate in a prayer station that names before God specific places in need of healing. We pray that this time of lament, prayer, and healing would ground us in hope as we prepare to enter the Advent season.

Thank you for your generosity! We have received 35 Generosity Cards towards our goal of 41, and we are grateful for your support! If you'd like to help bring us across the finish line, extra Generosity Cards are available in the windowsill, or you can use this QR code. We appreciate your help as we live our guiding principle "Always growing as disciples".



Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund: It's that time of year! We are grateful to share that we have over \$40,000 available to distribute from our Touching Tomorrow Endowment Fund. Applications can be found on our website or on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Completed applications are due by December 1 and can be submitted via email to zions@comcast.net, snail mail, or by placing your application in Jim Gill's "Endowment" mailbox, located outside the Church Office. More information on how these monies can be used is included on the application.

Babies and Bibles: Saturday , November 23 at 9 AM Jesus says "Let the little children come unto me". 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.

The Kitchen/Pastor's Office Roof Replacement has been completed! We're grateful that we had the funds available to do this work immediately, and now ask for your help replenishing the Capital Fund. Gifts can be made through Simply Giving, PayPal, or marked 'Capital fund' on your offering checks. Thank you!

Weekly Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 AM each Sunday, for children as young as three, up through adults. See Pastor Caitlin for information about classes.

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.

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Leah Wolfe	John Noll
Prayer	Deb Reiner	Noel Strattan
Children's sermon	Noel Strattan	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Linda Wenrich, Judy Merkel	Judy Merkel, Noel Strattan
Greeter	Joanna Guldin-Noll	
Acolyte	Greyson McQuaide	Annabella Hess , Daryl Root
Crucifer	Rob McQuaide	Madison Hess
Altar Guild	Merkel family	Bucks family
Elevette	Ann Kulp	Noel Strattan
Ushers	Nov: Georgetta Wolfe, Jim Fowler, Luke Hiester	

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin
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LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available with the elevette bulletins and the ushers.

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

Poinsettias: Zion's will be decorating with red poinsettias, from Pine View Greenhouse on route 343, for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in a 6 1/2 inch pot, please pick up and fill out a form which can be found below or outside the back of the sanctuary doors on the window sills. **Return the form and \$6.50 per plant before November 24** with your payment to the church, or place in the offering plate. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

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