

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'"

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT**

**Festival Sunday of St. Luke the Evangelist**

**October 18, 2020**

**AS WE GATHER**

"Luke the beloved physician greets you," writes St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians. Each year on October 18, the Church takes note of and gratefully remembers Luke the Evangelist. His Gospel account of the life of Jesus and the history of the Early Christian Church, which he shares through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, are as beloved as is their writer. Luke brings what he calls an "orderly account" of the life, death, resurrection, and ministry of Jesus and its urgent importance. Luke then follows it up with his singular account that profiles the work of Peter, John, Paul, and other apostles. In his carefully crafted manuscripts, we find faith-supporting history and are given an eyewitness account of God at work for us. We thank God that by the working of the Holy Spirit, the message of St. Luke has reached us today!



**2020 STEWARDSHIP THEME**

Our 2020 Fall Stewardship Theme is "Spiritually Vibrant Homes." Together we will learn of how our homes are vital places where faith is nurtured, and transmitted to others. May the Lord guide, provide for, and energize our households of faith: Week 1 - "A Harvest for Eternal Joy" (Philippians 3:12) + Week 2 - "Homes of Messy Prayers" (Philippians 4:6) + **Week 3 - "Homes with Open Doors" (Luke 10:5)** + Week 4 - "Homes of Loud Tables" (1 Thessalonians 2:4) + Week 5 - "Homes of Eternal Love" (Matthew 5:12)

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP**

David Garcia, organ  
Rev. Stephen Heimer

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" v.1-3 Lutheran Service Book 901

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.

## INVOCATION

Matt 28:19

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ps 124:8, Ps 130:3-4, Luke 18:13

- P** Let us confess our sin to God, our gracious Father.  
**C** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we humbly confess our sins to You. We have not followed Your law in our thinking, speaking, or doing. We have followed our own ways and have not obeyed Your commands. We have not always been merciful, meek, or peaceable. We repent of our transgressions and ask Your forgiveness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**
- P** In His mercy, God hears our confession and responds with forgiveness and love. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.  
**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### ENTRANCE HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" v.5 LSB 901

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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### KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **(Sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Tim 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Words of the prophet who writes of God's glorious future)

Isaiah 35:5–8

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

(A call to faithfulness of life)

2 Timothy 4:5–18

<sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. <sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon. <sup>10</sup>For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. <sup>12</sup>Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup>Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. <sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

John 20:31

**HOLY GOSPEL**

(Jesus sends out disciples to speak of God's kingdom in homes)

Luke 10:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" LSB 980

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show  
us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.

1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and  
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

*Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.  
race; Neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.  
feet: This is the way we will live with You.

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**SERMON**

Spiritually Vibrant Homes: "Homes With Open Doors"

The Gospel Reading

**OFFERING**

"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness"

Kristen Boyea, *Soloist*

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate located on the stand while entering the church or can be mailed or given online at [www.zionelpaso.org](http://www.zionelpaso.org).*

**OFFERTORY**

"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated" v.1 LSB 784

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

1 Tim 2:1-4

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom where, with the blessed evangelist Luke and all the saints, we shall enjoy Your eternal kindness. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**SANCTUS**

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**


**P** Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people. You know us as individuals and have graciously given each of us Your special gifts to use to Your glory. We thank You for the example of the blessed evangelists, including Luke, and for granting us the grace needed to fulfill our various vocations. We thank You as we are strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

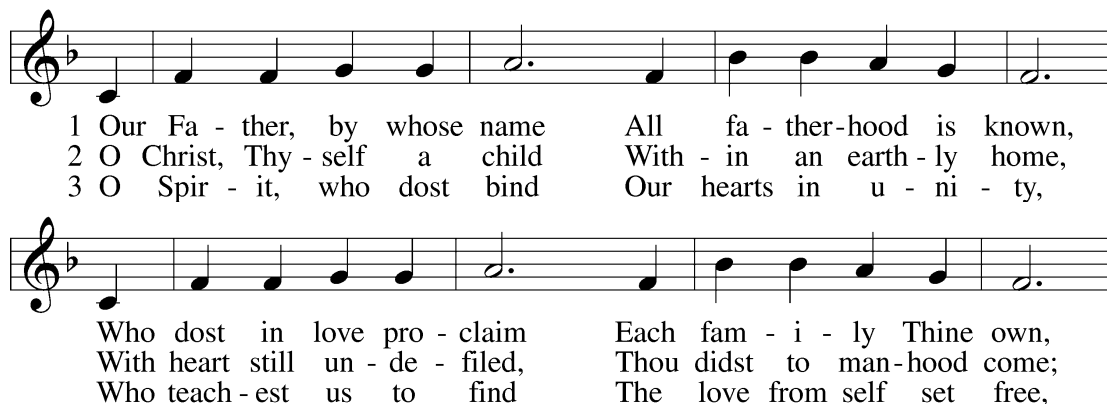
## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

## HYMN

"Our Father, By Whose Name" LSB 863



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,  
Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -  
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the announcements, the LiveStream comes to an end and the service of the sacrament continues. If you are unable to be present in the sanctuary due to health concerns but desire to receive the sacrament of the altar, Pastor Stephen and an elder will be available curb-side on Birch St. between 12:30 and 1pm today that you might partake while remaining in your vehicle. As you wait curb-side, pray aloud the prayers below in preparation for the sacrament:*

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### Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess:

✠ **I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.**

✠ **I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.**

✠ **I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.**

✠ **Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.**

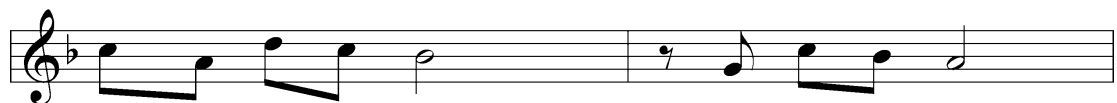
For those communicants preferring it, a light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice can be found at the center of each tray of wine (fruit of the vine). Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.

## HYMN OF COMMUNION PREPARATION

"What Is This Bread" LSB 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be - lieve	





This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*If you will be receiving the Lord's Supper today, please wait as ushers guide each household forward. Remain standing and the pastor will serve you the sacrament in plastic cups. Take those cups with you as you return to your seat, placing them in one of the baskets located at either side of the sanctuary.*

#### 626 COME, LET US EAT

*Leader*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

*All*



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

*Leader*



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

*All*



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

### 749 THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged And think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, If you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, For Je-sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



But then the Ho-ly Spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain.  
You can tell the love of Je-sus And say He died for all.  
And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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### 434 LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY



- 1 Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,



Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.  
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.  
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.



All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
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All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:

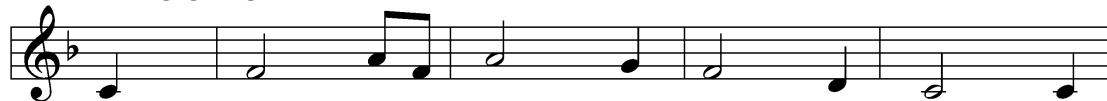


Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus!  
Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus!

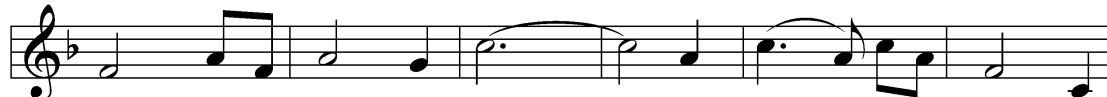
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744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we follow our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us opportunities to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us firm in faith and joyous in life unto Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

Psalm 103:1

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross" v.3,6 LSB 837

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
 all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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*Please remain seated as ushers dismiss each row. Please maintain safe distance as you go.*

**POSTLUDE**

David Garcia, organ

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**Eastside Bible Study** group finished the series we have been studying, "Faith on the Edge: The Unexplained" last night. We will be taking a two-week break and **resume meeting on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom**. The next study we will be doing is: *Called to Vote: A Christian's Approach to Elections*, a 4-week study, published by Concordia Publishing House, that "doesn't tell Christians which political party to vote for. It sparks thoughtful and biblical conversation about voting in a democracy and our duty to do so as Christian citizens." We will conclude this study on Tuesday, November 17th. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, you may contact Lydia Williams, at (915) 630-2131 or the church office.

## **Join Any Zion Bible Study From Home!**

We are working to continue being a channel for the Holy Spirit through God's word, and to help keep our Zion family connected.

*All are invited, please contact the Zion office for login information or questions. Never attended an online meeting? No problem! Call 915.566.4667 for assistance.*

### **Sundays 9:15 AM**

The book of Exodus (and its important prequel in Joseph's story in Genesis) offers us a great deal of insight and confidence as we live out our lives today. Adults and teens are all welcome in-person in the Zion auditorium and online via Zoom. Sign up at the Zion website to receive weekly Zoom links for online participation. If attending in person, enter the Auditorium through the playground gate on Pershing, and then up the ramp.

### **Mondays 7:00 PM (Every second and fourth Monday)**

Join our "Berea" Bible study. We are exploring the book of Revelation. Join us as we look into the meanings found in the challenging text. (Informal group with no "homework.") Call Jim Smith.

### **Tuesdays 7:00 PM**

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### **Wednesdays 7:00 PM**

God's calling for you *is* important, no matter how small it might seem. This eight-week study will utilize the book, *Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan*, which provides scripture and modern examples of people discovering and living with purpose. Use each daily lesson's discussion questions and journal prompt to evaluate the path you're on and how God might be calling you in ways you hadn't seen before. Each week's lessons will remind you to let God guide your path wherever He may lead you.

Book: *Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan* by Catherine Duerr

To order from CPH: <https://www.cph.org/p-32205-wherever-love-may-lead-your-place-in-gods-plan.aspx>

Register at [www.zionelpaso.org](http://www.zionelpaso.org)

### **Thursday 7:00 PM**

We are enjoying our study of the book of ACTS, focusing particularly on the mission and ministry of Saints Peter and Paul. I would also like to include with this study of the 1st century of our "Mother Church," some side trips into the 2nd and perhaps even 3rd centuries (the Nicene Creed 325 A.D.). I am suggesting a weekly study of the Acts of the Apostles (Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:15...30) beginning August 20. The schedule will likely be as follows: Fall, August 20 - November 19 (Thanksgiving 11/26); Winter, January 9 - February 11 (Ash Wednesday 2/17); Post Easter April 8 - Close (to be determined by the study group). Questions? Call Zion or Pastor Patten.

### **Fridays 10:00 AM**

Our study is guided by the book "Faith That Sees Through The Culture". Books will be \$17. Please rsvp to Krysia Heimer or the Church office if you would like to order one. God's Word is filled with paradoxes. It's tempting to see these paradoxes as either-or statements—one must be true and the other must be false. End of story. Case closed. But the paradoxes in the Word of God are different. They are both-and statements, at once seeming contradictory but both being wholly and completely true. As Christians, we live in this tension, embracing that two sides of the same coin can be true at the same time. We live in what is visible and invisible. We have the old man and the new man. We speak to those offered both an inclusive and an exclusive Gospel. We are citizens of both church and state. We live in the now and the not yet. We speak a Word that is both Law and Gospel. Faith That Sees through the Culture provides lenses to open whole new vistas for faith to see more clearly and be lived out more effectively in our culture.

### **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

10/21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	"Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan" Bible Study
10/22	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
10/23	Friday	10:00 AM	"Faith That Sees Through the Culture" Bible Study
10/25	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service (Reformation Observed)

### **ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE**

<b>Preacher &amp; Celebrant:</b>	Pastor Stephen Heimer
<b>Organist:</b>	David Garcia
<b>Elders:</b>	Tim Eyerman, Jim Smith
<b>Reader:</b>	Angie Gutierrez
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Gabryelle Rodriguez, Haley Nathan
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Linda Chaumont
<b>Camera Operator:</b>	David Davis
<b>Sound Operator:</b>	Brenna Rodriguez
<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Jim Smith