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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost + Reformation Day Observed

October 25, 2020

ABOUT REFORMATION DAY

October 31, 1517, is the date on which Christians of many persuasions remember the Protestant Reformation and recall the solitary figure of an Augustinian monk and professor of theology, Martin Luther, posting on the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church his passionate rejection of "Indulgences" - the religious institution's practice of marketing and selling the forgiveness of sins. This quiet event in an unknown corner of Northern Europe also marks the historical moment when the Gospel – *the earth shaking proclamation that humanity is deeply loved by its Creator, invited into an eternal friendship through faith in God present in Jesus Christ, and liberated from spiritual oppression* – was restored to Christ's Church.



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)



PRESERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Mariachi San Pablo Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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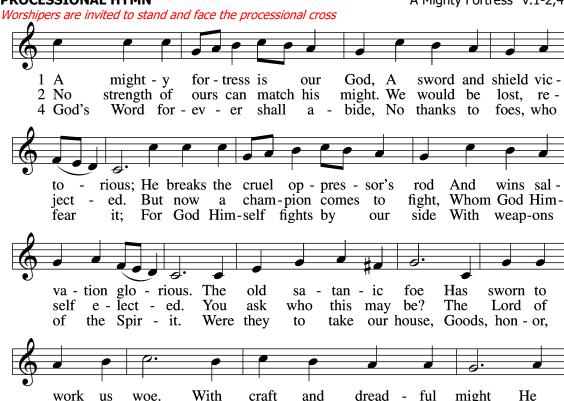
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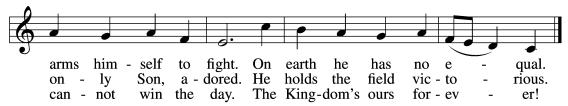
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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

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.
- Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **G** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

3though its waters | roar and foam,*

though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*

God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*

he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*

how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.

10"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"

11The LORD of hosts is | with us;*

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

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KYRIE - PRAYER FOR MERCY





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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Let the words we speak work good not evil toward others) Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . . ¹5"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹6You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹7"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹8You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others,

though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL (The Great Commandment) Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

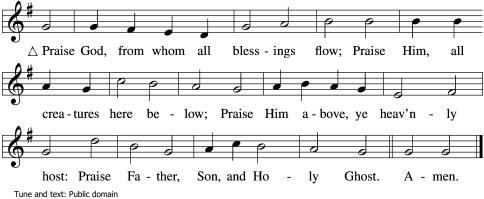
³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? ⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FATIH (tune LSB 805)



- 2. In God the Father I believe, Made heaven and earth and all we see. Loved He the world so that He gave His Son that we all may be saved.
- 3. In Jesus Christ, I do believe God's Son the Spirit did conceive In Virgin Mary, born to die, Then rise to reign and judge on high.
- 4. In God the Spirit I believe and all God's Holy Church are we.

 His "saints" by grace through faith we live Forever in vict'ry ov'r the grave.

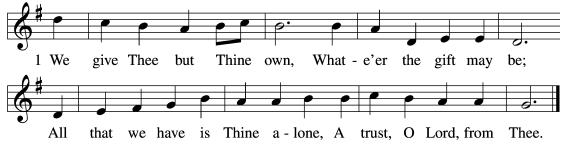
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SERMON Spiritually Vibrant Homes: "Homes of Loud Tables"

OFFERING Bruce Nehring, *Piano*

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" v.1 LSB 781





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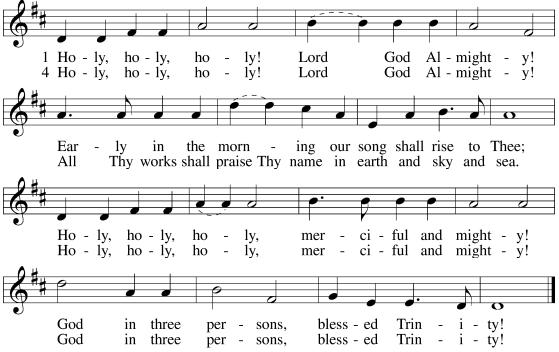
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **■** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy" v.1,4 LSB 507



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

A responsive setting of the "Our Father" written by Dr. Martin Luther to assist God's people in preparing for reception of the Sacrament

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

Our Father who art in heaven...

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hallowed be Thy name...

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

Thy kingdom come...

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend _____ and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

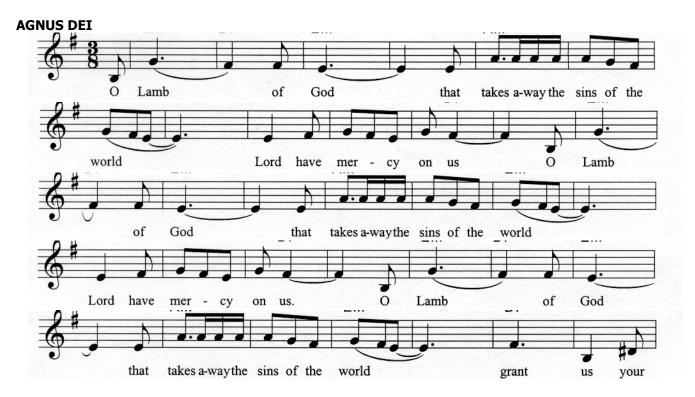
P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

Give us this day our daily bread...

- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

Lead us not into temptation...

- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **O** Deliver us from evil...
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.





COLLECT FOR PEACE

Gracious God and Father, though Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to bring us Your heavenly peace, violence and conflict still rage among Your children on earth. Bring a restoration of calm and security, and heal the wounds that have been inflicted. Grant that we all may live together in unity and peace, and let all hatred and ill will be remembered no more. Give us that peace which the world cannot give, and grant us grace that, delivered from all conflict and strife, we may live in harmony and safety, and finally, having gained the eternal rest of the saints in glory, may praise and bless, worship and glorify You forever. **Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

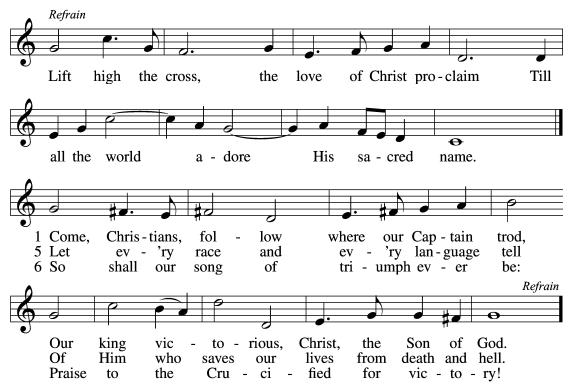
BENEDICTION

- 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.
- Amen.

HYMN OF GOSPEL MISSION

"Lift High the Cross" v.1,5-6 LSB 837



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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 curbside on Birch St. between 12:30 and 1pm today that you might partake while remaining in your vehicle. As you wait curbside, pray aloud the prayers below in preparation for the sacrament:

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 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 PREPARATION

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

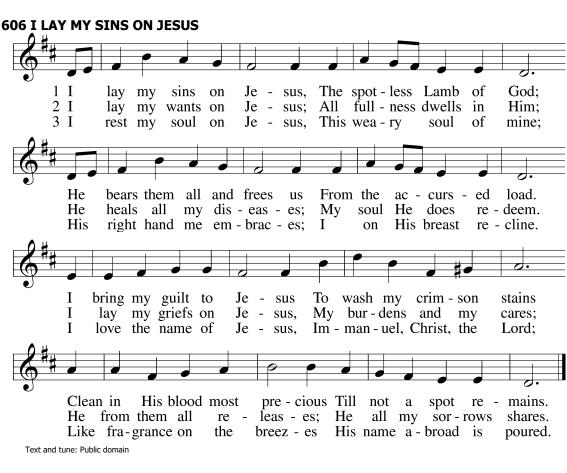
P Blessed are You, Lord of hosts, Creator of all, for in Your foresight and compassion You promised to send Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to bear our sins and be our Savior. With Your Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we rely on Your presence always and rejoice to receive Your Son as He comes to us in this blessed Sacrament. Strengthen us thereby that we continue in confident faith, fearing not world, Satan, or sinful flesh. Grant us the assurance that You are both with us and for us each day so that we freely serve You until we see You face-to-face in eternity. To You alone be all the glory and honor, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

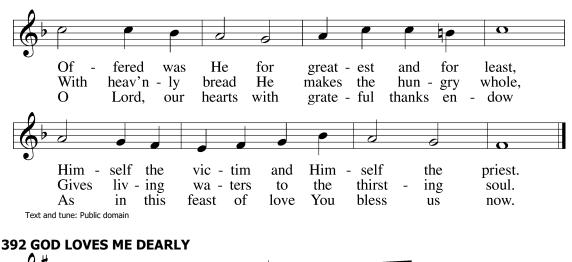
DISTRIBUTION

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.













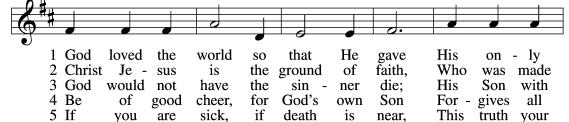
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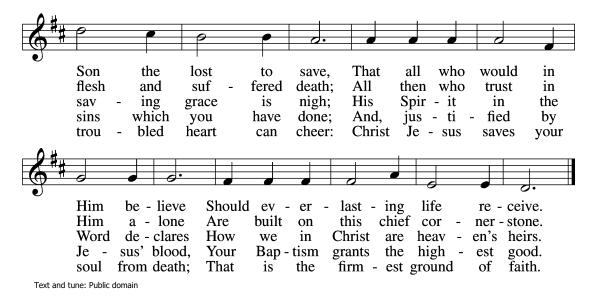
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace" LSB 937 (Tune: 744 "Amazing Grace")

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.
- \triangle 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice; To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.

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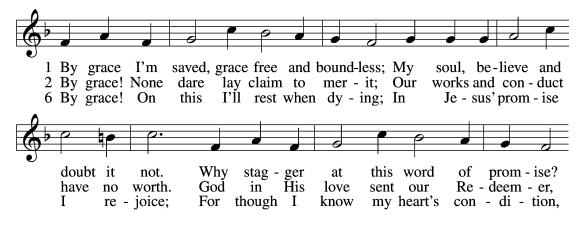
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

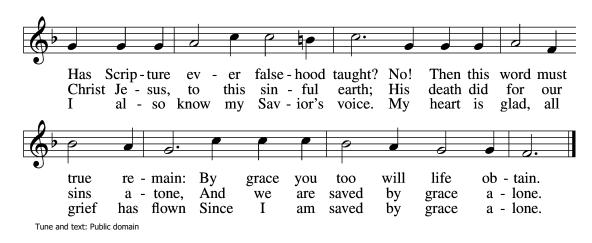
BENEDICTION

- P The blessing of God almighty—the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever.
- Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved" v.1-2, 6 LSB 566





POSTLUDE Mariachi San Pablo

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Mail donations: Mail your check to the Zion church office at 2808 Pershing Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. The mail is checked every day.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Welcome Mariachi San Pablo. Thank you for accompanying our singing and celebration with your music! Lizette Barrientos (*violin*), Jonathan Jurado (*guitar*), Maritza Muñoz (*violin*), Miguel Muñoz (*Director, guitar*), Krysia Heimer (*vihuela*), Stephen Heimer (*trumpet*), Gabryelle Rodriguez (*guitarrón*)

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for His countless blessings!

Join Us in Person. Zion's protective measures and procedures were commended during a surprise visit from a Covid-19 taskforce with the El Paso Department of Health. We have enough room to maintain our safety measures with more people present, so come join us for in-person worship!

Zion's LWML will meet on Zoom this coming Tuesday, October 27th, at 1:30 p.m. The invitation to the Zoom meeting with the link has been emailed to members with email and mailed to those who don't use email. The Devotion will be presented by Linda Chaumont and we will be discussing our upcoming November and December projects. Please plan on joining us, as we have some important plans to finalize, since we won't have a meeting in November. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday on Zoom!

Eastside Bible Study group will resume meeting on Tuesday evening, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. We will be starting a 4-week study entitled: "Called to Vote: A Christian's Approach to Elections", from Concordia Publishing House. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, please contact the Church Office or Lydia Williams.

Reformation Docu-Drama Movie Night. Get comfy and join us from home for a Reformation Movie Night Watch Party on Friday, October 30th! We will be watching *Martin Luther:* A Return to Grace. We will have a lighthearted conversation **on Zoom at 6:00pm** and we will hit play on the docu-drama at **6:30pm through Amazon Prime Watch Party**. To get the free link or to find out how you can join even if you do not have access to an Amazon Prime account, call the church office at (915) 566-4667. We'll see you there!



Collecting Toys for YLM's Christmas Gift Distribution: LWML will be collecting toys (in the \$10 to \$12 price range) to donate to YLM for their annual Christmas Gift Distribution, this year entitled, "2020 Joy Distribution". We are inviting the members and friends of Zion to join us, once again, in this Outreach project. A Thrivent Action Grant is being applied for to help us kickstart the project; we will be collecting toys during the months of October and November, as toys need to be delivered to YLM by December 5th. You may bring your donations to church and place them, unwrapped, in the designated bins in the Auditorium or you may call Lydia Williams, if you would like to have a member of LWML pick up your donation at your home. In addition, if you are not able to go out and shop/purchase a

toy, contact Lydia, and a member of LWML will be happy to do that for you. Thanks, in advance, for your support in this special outreach to families in need! (This will be the only Christmas toy collection/outreach at Zion this year; because of the pandemic, Zion will not be participating in Angel Tree this year. If you were planning to buy an Angel Tree gift, you are asked to please consider contributing to this collection for YLM's toy distribution. Thanks!!)



<u>Join Any Zion Bible Study from Home!</u>

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

10/26	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
10/27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eastside Bible Study
10/28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	"Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan" Bible Study
10/29	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
10/30	Friday	10:00 AM	"Faith That Sees Through the Culture" Bible Study
11/1	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Stephen Heimer

Organist: David Garcia

Elders: Jim Smith, Tim Eyerman

Reader: Mary Sanchez
Altar Guild: Linda Chaumont
Camera Operator: Jaden Heimer
Sound Director: Brenna Rodriguez
Sound Operator: Victor Rodriguez
Offering Counter: Jim Smith