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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2020

AS WE GATHER

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, organ Rev. Stephen Heimer

OPENING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" v.1-3 Lutheran Service Book 660



INVOCATION Matt 28:19

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

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

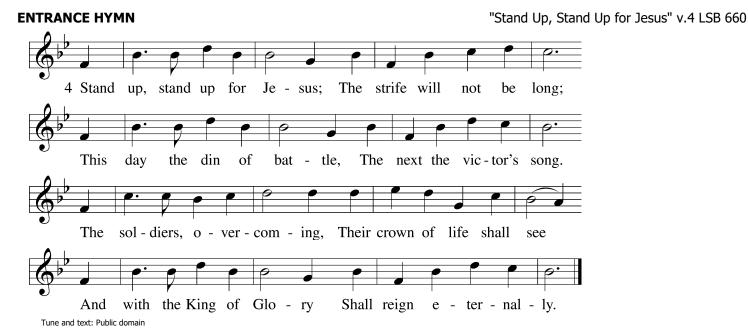
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

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

- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +



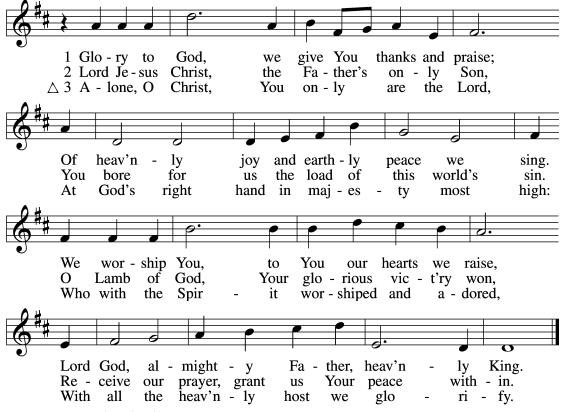
KYRIE Mark 10:47





- 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.
- (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.
- **©** 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.
- **O** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.





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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Tim 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You are our good and faithful Master. Thank You for the abundance of blessings You have poured into our lives. Strengthen us by Your mighty power, that we might serve You well and faithfully; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The Day of the Lord is near.)

Zephaniah 1:7-16

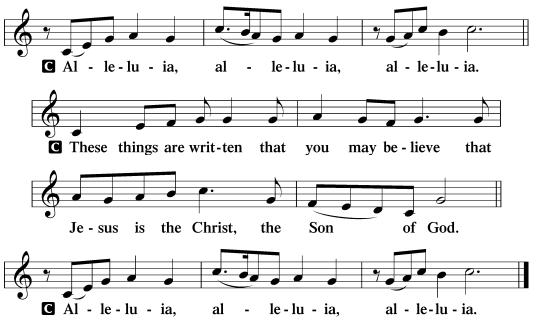
⁷Be silent before the Lord GoD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁵For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁵But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁵For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. ♠

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE John 20:31



HOLY GOSPEL (The parable of the talents) Matthew 25:14–30

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

 14 [Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken

away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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 \cdot of the world to come. Amen.



"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" 1-2,4,6 LSB 733



SERMON "Salvation is Coming"

OFFERING

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Psalm 23 - Kristen Boyea, Soloist

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate located on the stand while entering the church, mailed, or given online at www.zionelpaso.org.

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated" v.1 LSB 783



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.

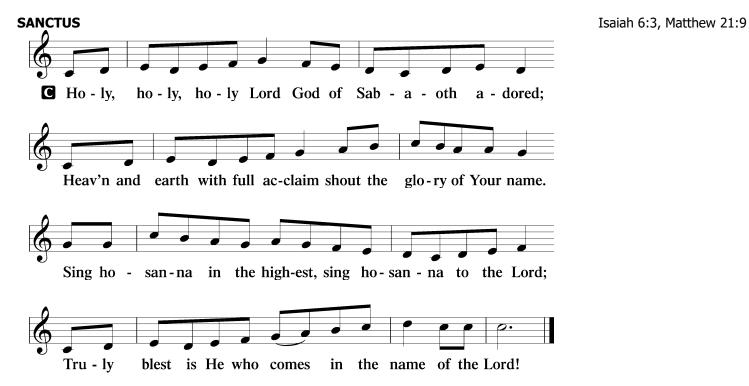
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 1 Tim 2:1-4

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

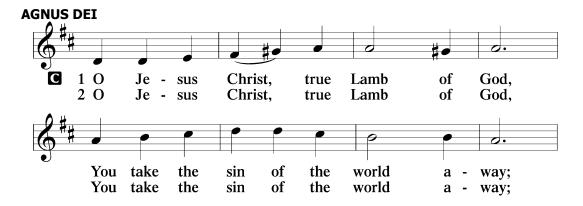
PREFACE 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136

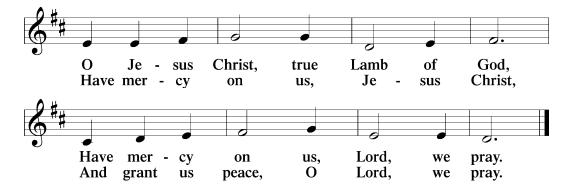
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is our good and faithful Master who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.





COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

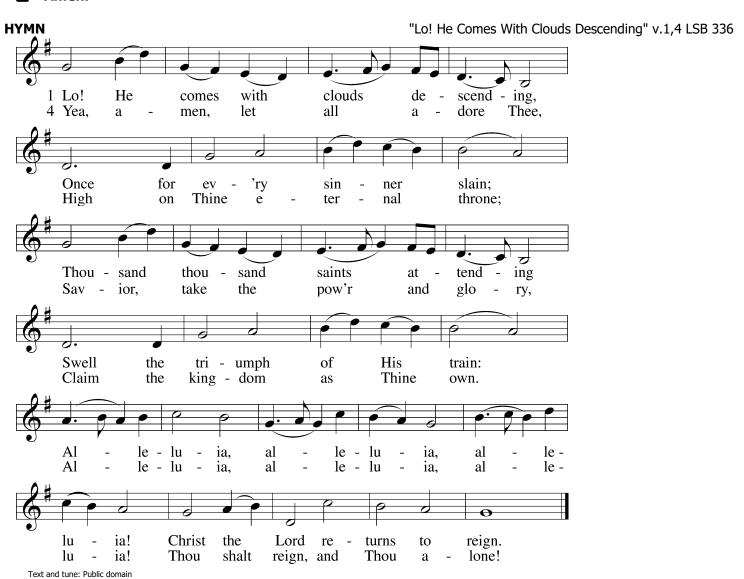
Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

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.



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 curbside, pray aloud the prayers below in preparation for the sacrament:

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

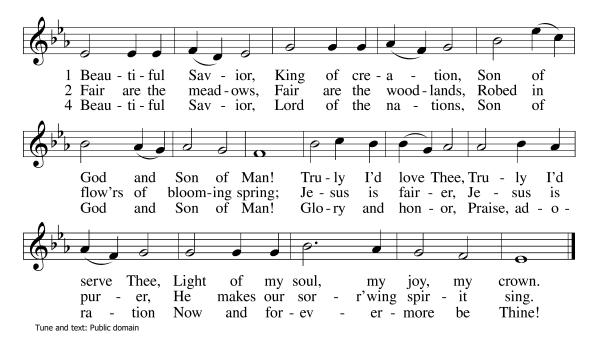
Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless 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 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

"Beautiful Savior" v.1-2,4 LSB 537



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our good and faithful Master. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, liberate, and defend us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

Amen.

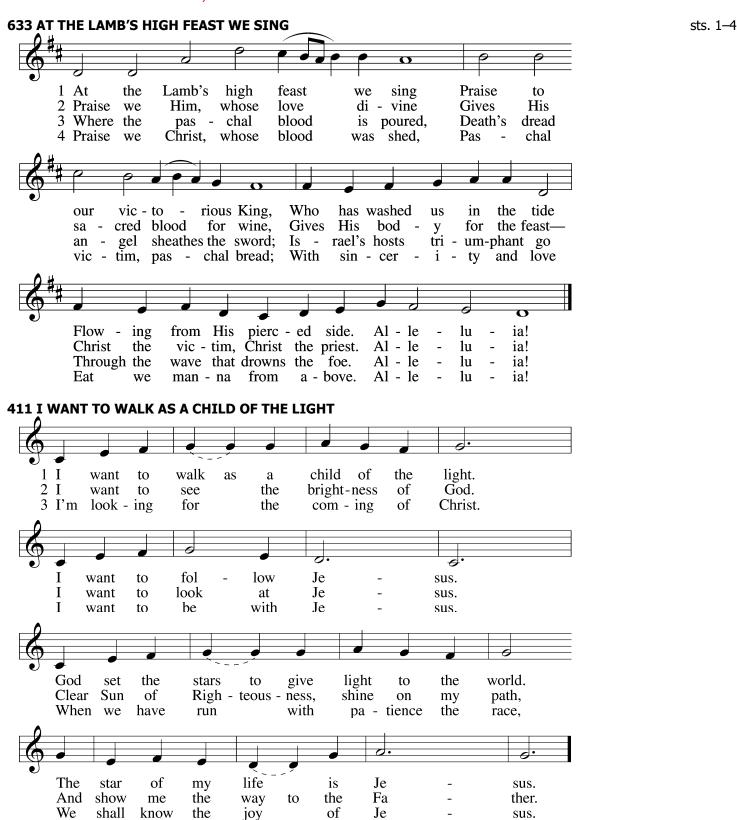
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

COMMUNION 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.



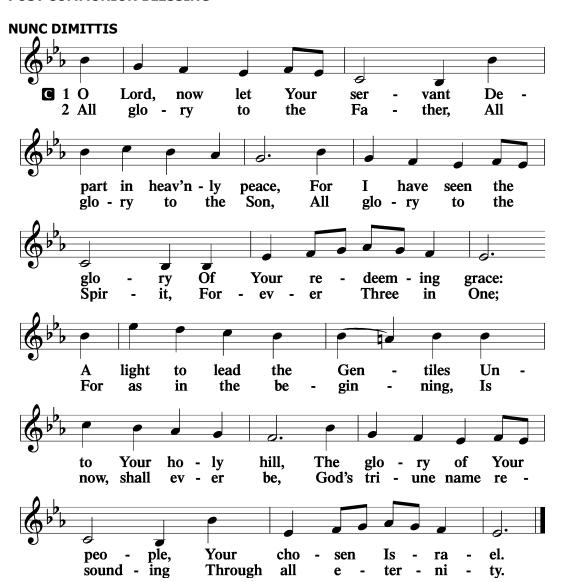




Luke 2:29-32

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have graced us with Your presence in this Sacrament, and we pray that You would keep us in the one true faith until life everlasting when we enter into the joy of our Master; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

- The grace of our Lord
 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN



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

POSTLUDE David Garcia, organ

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Online donations: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.zionelpaso.org. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

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!

Altar Flowers today are given by Wayne and Mariann Porter to the glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary. Thanks be to God for his countless blessings!

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 **until Sunday, November 29, 2020**.

You may bring your donations to church and place them, unwrapped, in the designated bins in the Auditorium or you may call Lydia Williams at (915) 630-2131, 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!!)



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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

11/17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eastside Bible Study
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11/18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	"Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan" Bible Study
11/19	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
		5:30 PM	Council Meeting
11/20	Friday	10:00 AM	"Faith That Sees Through the Culture" Bible Study
11/22	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Households of Faith" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Stephen Heimer

Organist: David Garcia

Elders: Tim Eyerman, David Davis

Reader: Shirley Batts **Acolyte:** Victoria Ochoa

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