

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

## A EUCHARISTIC SERVICE FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Thanksgiving Eve

November 25, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

A Day of National Thanksgiving is an honored tradition in this nation. But thankfulness to God is something that transcends national borders and the boundaries of time. God's people are always thankful people, for they know what great things He has done and continues to do for them. In Martin Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed, he states that in response to God's great gifts, it is the Christian's "duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Our worship is one way through which we carry out that joyful duty.



David Garcia, organ

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Lutheran Service Book 892



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.

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### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** He has created us together with all creatures.
- C** **He has given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members.**
- P** He has given us our reason and all our senses and still takes care of them.
- C** **He has given us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home.**
- P** He has given us our spouses and children, our land, animals, and all that we have.
- C** **He richly and daily gives us all that we need to support our bodies and lives.**
- P** He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil.
- C** **All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.**
- P** For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
- C** **This is most certainly true.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** God has indeed given us all we need to support our lives, and yet we often fail to return thanks for all He has given us. We often take for granted the abundant blessings He has poured into our lives. We have often hungered for more, rather than being content with what the Lord has given. We now turn to the Lord, seeking His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we have taken Your good gifts without returning thanks. Forgive us for our grumbling. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your good gifts and walk in Your glorious way.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given many good gifts to you, but the greatest of all was His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus has died and is risen for you and your salvation. 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. We return thanks to the Lord for His forgiveness. We remember all His good gifts.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" v.4 LSB 892

4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;  
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,  
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:  
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

(A call to remember the goodness of the Lord)

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

<sup>1</sup>The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

(Prayers and supplications are to be made for all people.)

1 Timothy 2:1–4

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

### VERSE

Psalm 136:1

**Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.**

### HOLY GOSPEL

(One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.)

Luke 17:11–19

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

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

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



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
 With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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SERMON

"We Give Thanks"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, on this day we thank You for Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We thank You for the Church, asking that the message of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who share their faith in countless ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We thank You for the world in which we live and pray for the community of nations. Continue to give us all things needful, and grant that we be good stewards of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** We thank You for the gift of our families and everyone in them. Help us be truly thankful not only for the material blessings in our lives but for the people who share our lives with us. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be welcoming sanctuaries for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Today we ask a special blessing on the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. And we remember those whose labor brings food to our tables in this and in every season. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You that Your care embraces all people as we remember those with special concerns and needs including the ill, hospitalized, and those shut-in, [*including . . .*], those who sorrow, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help us to find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need the care and compassion that we can offer them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, in our thankful remembrance we recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together at Your heavenly throne, giving You eternal thanks and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

**PREFACE**

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- 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** **We offer our thanksgiving of lips and life; our duty and delight.**
- P** It is good and right, our duty and our delight, to give thanks to You, Lord God, our heavenly Father, from whom all things come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Word through whom all things came into being. Mindful of all Your gifts and gathered by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we offer You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and for Your kindness in bestowing upon us everlasting life. Therefore with all the angels and the company of heaven we offer You thanks and praise, singing:
- C** **Amen.**

**SANCTUS HYMN**

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

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## 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.**

## COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, move us to receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

Luther

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Go out into the world in Christ's peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And Almighty God the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you. (Romans 12:9-12)

**G Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens" v.1-4,6 LSB 754



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing  
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -  
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -  
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for  
6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strength - en; With joy our spir - its



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The  
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That  
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And  
you In ways to rouse your won - der At  
bless Un - til we see the end - ing Of



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the  
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no  
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with  
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise  
all our life's dis - tress. And so through - out our

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will  
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can  
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -  
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 life - time Keep us with - in Your care And  
  
 find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.  
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.  
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.  
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.  
 at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the announcements, the livestream comes to an end and the service of the sacrament continues.*

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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.

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## COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Holy are You, O God, almighty and most merciful Lord; holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son, who became poor so that we might become rich in You, who lowered Himself into death so that we might be raised to eternal life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that in true faith we may receive His body and blood. Then gather us together with all the faithful to Your eternal harvest to be with You forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PRAYER

**P** Therefore remembering His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, for in Your grace You have made us saints to stand before You and to serve You. Gather into one, we pray, all Your holy people who receive this sacred meal; fill us with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of our faith in Your truth; and grant that we might praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ, through Whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Come, for Christ invites you to His table. And He has made everything ready.

## COMMUNION RECEPTION

*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.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### 789 PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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### 894 FOR THE FRUITS OF HIS CREATION



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the





plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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### 809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**G** Grant, O Lord that the lips which have sung your praise in this sanctuary may glorify you in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of the shepherd may be closed to the clamor of anger and dispute, that the eyes which have seen your great love may also share your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

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

**G** Amen.

### POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart" LSB 806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_



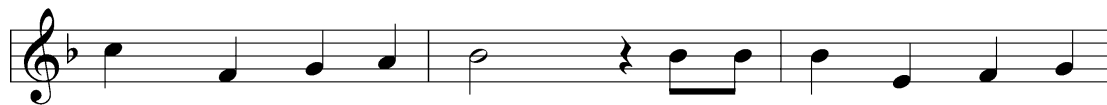
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of



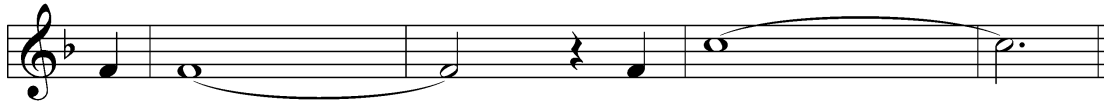
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the



weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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## POSTLUDE

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*You can contribute offerings using three main methods:*

**Online donations:** You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at [www.zionelpaso.org](http://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!*

**Come help decorate the Zion sanctuary for Advent and Christmas** on Saturday, November 28th, at 10:00am. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (915) 566-4667. We look forward to seeing you there!

**2021 Offering Envelopes** have arrived and are available to be picked up at the Zion office! The office is open from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you have any questions or if you would like to have your envelopes delivered to you, please call the church at (915) 566-4667.

**Final Week 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!!)**



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

**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Stephen Heimer  
**Organist:** David Garcia  
**Elder:** Jim Smith  
**Reader:** Jim Smith  
**Acolyte:** Gabryelle Rodriguez  
**Camera Operator:** Jaden Heimer  
**Sound Director:** Brenna Rodriguez  
**Altar Guild:** Barbara Fourzan, Mary Sanchez  
**Offering Counter:** Sharon Amastae