

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Feast of St. Timothy, Pastor And Confessor

January 24, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

St. Timothy learned about Jesus from his mother and grandmother. Timothy travels with St. Paul and is entrusted with mission work in Greece and Asia Minor. He was with Paul while imprisoned in Rome and eventually serves as bishop in Ephesus. He was martyred around A.D. 97. St. Paul's epistles to Timothy admonish him to fortify the people of God against false teachers and to, "Fight the good fight of faith," pursuing, "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Tim 6:11-12)" The same call rouses us today to stand strong in Christ and serve Him faithfully for the sake of His mission throughout the world.



David Garcia, *Organ*  
Pastor Stephen Heimer

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

## MISSION PRAYER

*Almighty God, Heavenly Father, You call us again in this Epiphany season of Light and Life to prayer for Your Church and world. As Your people of prayer we offer you the heartaches and hopes of the world; in Your grace we bring the names and needs of the lost and the lonely, the sick and the searching, the beaten and the broken. Grant us Your Holy Spirit - Your eyes, Your heart, Your strength, and Your Light - that we might reach out in the Name of Jesus and in the glory of His birth for us to all who would know Him. Amen.*

## OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" v.1-3 Lutheran Service Book 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.

## INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

*The sign of the Holy Cross + may be made by all in remembrance and celebration of their baptism*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ADORATION

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

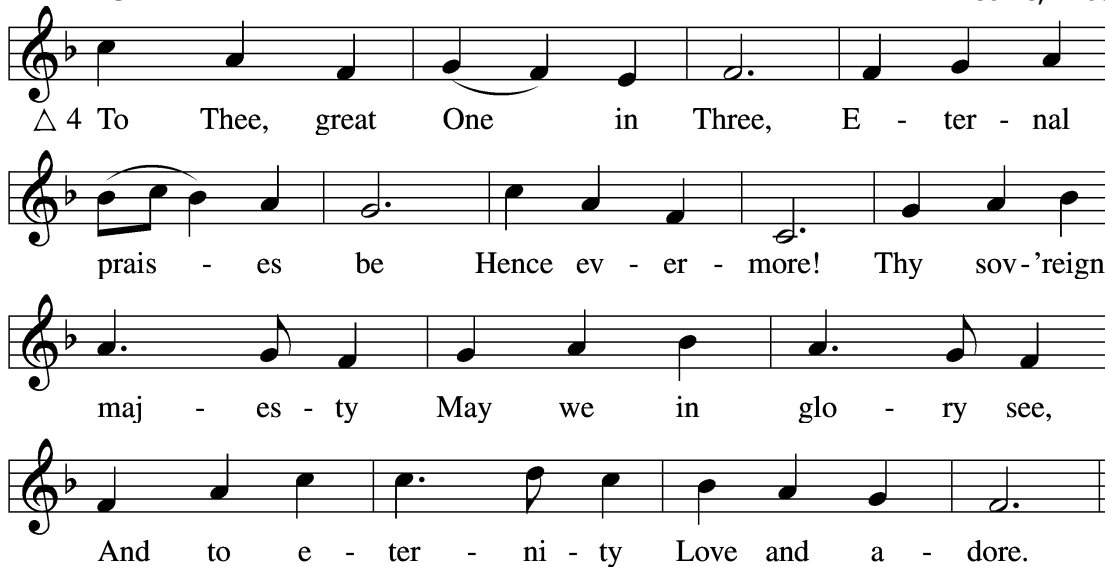
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" v.4 LSB 905



△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71:15–24

- P** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
- C** **With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**
- P** O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- C** **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**
- P** Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?
- C** **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**
- P** You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.
- C** **I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**
- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.
- C** **And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(Timothy joins Paul's second missionary journey)

Acts 16:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup>He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

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

### EPISTLE LESSON

(Fight the good fight of faith)

1 Timothy 6:11–16

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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

## RESPONSE

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

(Serve faithfully as you await the return of Christ)

Matthew 24:42–47

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

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

<sup>42</sup>[Jesus said:] "Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<sup>45</sup>"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>47</sup>Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions."

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

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" LSB 658



1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,  
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,  
5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.  
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.  
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.  
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,  
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.  
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.  
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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## SERMON

"Stand Strong"

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" v.1,6 LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;

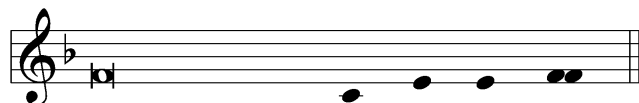


Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



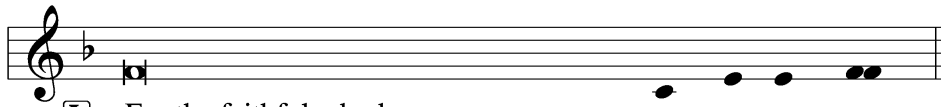
**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

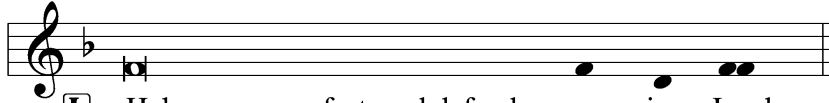
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

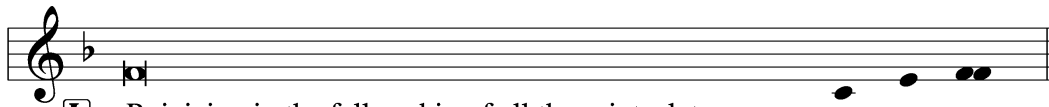


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

### COLLECT FOR THE MORNING

**C** 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.

### 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.**

### MORNING PRAYER

(Martin Luther)

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.**

### 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)

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

David Garcia, *Organ*

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## Offerings

*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!*

**Altar flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Sharon and Jon Amastae in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Thanks be to God for His countless blessings!

**Zion's LWML is hosting a Virtual Baby Shower Today, January 24, 2021 at 3:00pm** for Erin Shimkus and Martha Sellers. Erin and Dusty's son, Cooper, was born on Monday, January 18, 2021, and Martha and Andrew are expecting a baby boy in May! We will be presenting a special Baby Shower Devotion focusing on various baby items, with the help of a Thrivent Action Grant. \*\*Please RSVP to Lydia Williams at (915) 630-2131 if you will be attending the Shower, so we may send you the Zoom link. We hope to see you there!

**Congratulations to Dusty and Erin Shimkus on the birth of their son, Cooper Gene Shimkus!**

**The Memorial Service for Fay Eckstrom** will be on **Friday, January 29, 2021, at 1:00pm**. Please visit our website, under the "Worship" tab or at [zionelpaso.org/fayeckstrom/](http://zionelpaso.org/fayeckstrom/), to access the livestream, view Fay's obituary, and RSVP if you will be attending the in-person service.

**We are updating information for the 2021 Directory** to keep our Zion community connected to each other, even when we are far apart! Be sure to send us your favorite picture of the people in your household! Also, if you have changed your address or contact information in the past year, please call the church office or email us at [info@zionelpaso.org](mailto:info@zionelpaso.org).



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

**Preacher & Liturgist:** Pastor Stephen Heimer  
**Organist:** David Garcia  
**Elder:** Jim Smith  
**Reader:** Valerie Rasmussen  
**Acolytes:** Victoria Ochoa  
**Camera Operator:** Jaden Heimer  
**Sound Director:** Brenna Rodriguez  
**Offering Counter:** Sharon Amastae

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

1/25	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
1/26	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
		7:00 PM	Eastside Bible Study
1/28	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
1/29	Friday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
		1:00 PM	Memorial Service for Fay Eckstrom
1/31	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

## **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.*

### **"Exodus" Bible Study - Sundays at 9:15am**

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.

### **Berea Bible Study - Every second and fourth Monday at 7:00pm**

Join our "Berea" Bible study on Zoom! We explore different lessons each week, covering various short topics. If you are interested in joining, call the church office or Peggy Djerf and we will send you the upcoming lesson.

### **Eastside Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

Eastside Bible Study group meets Tuesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom (online), using set of lessons from the CPH series: *Faith on the Edge*. The set of lessons we are studying now is entitled *Science and the Savior*. Here's the CPH description: "(6 Sessions) *Science and the Savior* explores how scientists may serve their Creator through understanding and explaining the wonders of His creation." New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, contact the church office or Lydia Williams.

### **"Acts" Bible Study - Thursdays at 7:00pm**

We are enjoying our study of the book of Acts, focusing particularly on the mission and ministry of Saints Peter and Paul. We will also include a study of the 1<sup>st</sup> century of our "Mother Church," along with some side trips into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries (the Nicene Creed 325 A.D.). We will meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7:00pm, according to the following schedule: Winter, January 7 - February 11; Post-Easter, April 8 - Close (to be determined by the study group). Please call Zion or Pastor Patten if you have any questions.

### **Women's Bible Study - Fridays at 10:00am**

Using the book *Provoking Proverbs* from Concordia Publishing House we will explore the Book of Proverbs in the context of The Ten Commandments and discover a unique view of the wisdom contained in the book. Lessons will focus on how we are called to fear, love, and trust the Lord because He first forgives, loves, and treasures us. Meet on zoom (maybe eventually in person) Fridays at 10:00am. Contact the Zion office or Krysia Heimer if you would like to join or need help ordering the book.