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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Day Of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, *organ* Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy Spirit Light Divine" Lutheran Service Book 496



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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

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

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +↓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

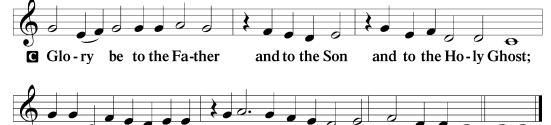
+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

PSALM OF THE DAY

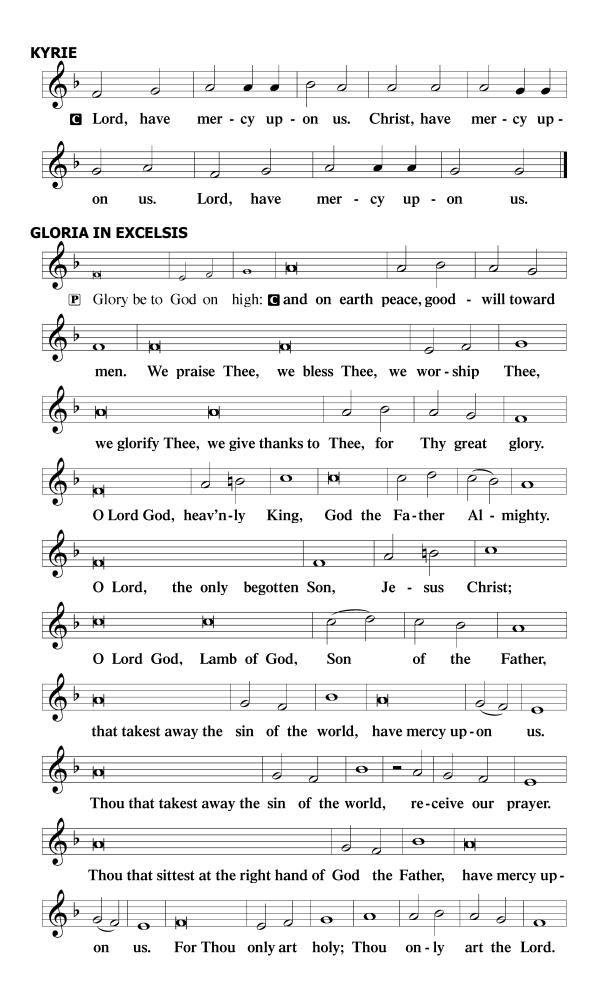
Psalm 139:1-12

- P O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

GLORIA PATRI



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING (The prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones) Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

(The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



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John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . . "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²^NI still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



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

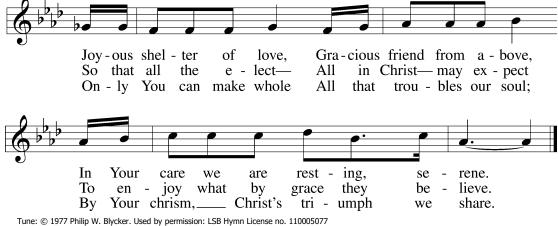
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven" v.1-2,4 LSB 502





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SERMON

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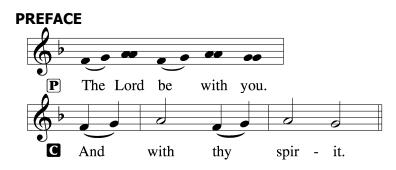
"In Spirit and Truth"



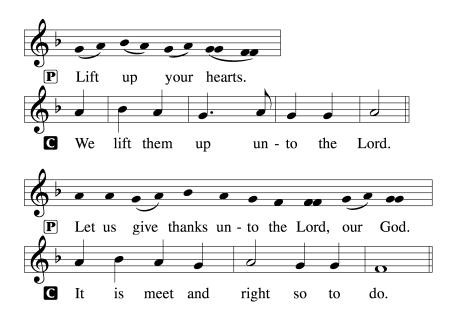
OFFERTORY **C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, 0 God. and re new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not а way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Spir - it Ho - ly Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va from me. and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. tion, A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

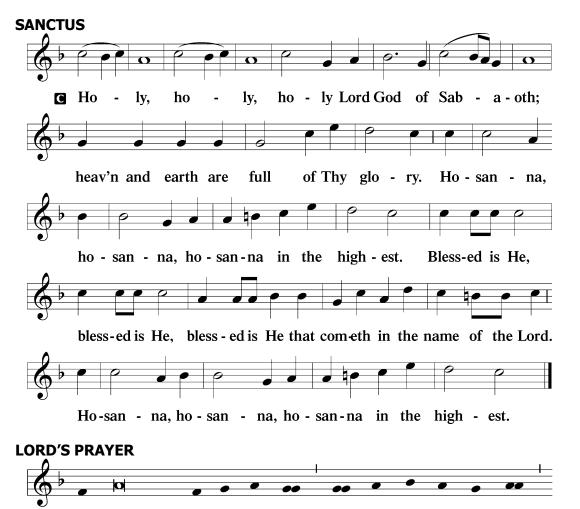
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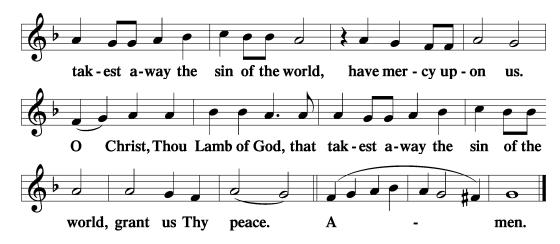


It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

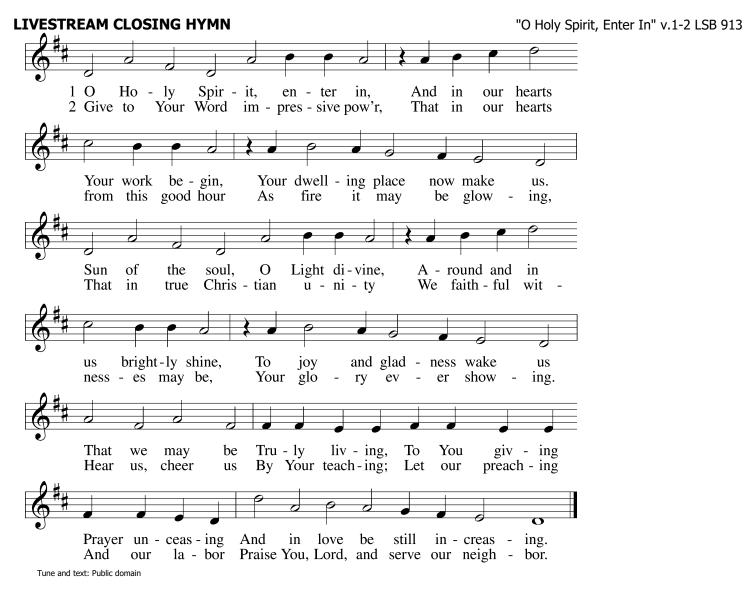




BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Livestream ends and the Service of the Sacrament continues

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.

H 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.

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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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Im We thank You, almighty God, that Your rule is without end and that Your power extends over all the earth. We bless You for making us and knowing us and caring for us and calling us in this life to be united to You as Your people on earth. We rejoice in all that You have done for us and find strength in the assurance that at every turn You are with us. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins. 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ushers will guide one household a time forward to receive the Lord's Supper, which will be placed upon a stand before each communicant. Please remain standing. The plastic containers for the elements may be carried away with you and placed in baskets located to the left or right of the chancel area as you return to your seats.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God" LSB 550 "What is this Bread" LSB 629 "There is a Balm in Gilead" LSB 749 "When Peace, Like a River" LSB 763

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING





POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

▶ Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us by Your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to You for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to and keeping us in the saving faith; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.







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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 <u>www.zionelpaso.org</u>. 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!

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Celebrant:	Pastor Stephen Heimer
Organist:	David Garcia
Elder:	Jim Smith
Reader:	Mariann Porter
Acolytes:	Haley Nathan, Jaden Heimer
Sound Director:	Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counter:	Sharon Amastae
Altar Guild:	Peggy Djerf

THIS WEEK AT ZION

5/24	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
5/25	Tuesday	1:30 PM	LWML Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
		7:00 PM	Eastside Bible Study
5/26	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
5/27	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
5/29	Saturday	1:00 PM	Baptism of Glynda Ann Casaus
5/30	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service
			Baptism of Donovan Sellers

Altar Flowers today are given by Wayne & Mariann Porter to the glory of God and in thanks for His countless blessings!

Outdoor Worship Service at Zion! On **Sunday, June 6, 2021, at 8:00am**, we will have an outdoor communion service in the Zion courtyard. We hope this service can allow more of our Zion family and friends to join us for in-person worship!

Zion's LWML will meet this coming Tuesday, May 25th, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. This will be our last monthly meeting before we take a break, meeting-wise, during the months of June and July. Krysia Heimer will present the Devotion, we will be electing the Officers for next year, discussing our Summer Project, and setting the date for the Officers' Planning Meeting for next year. All the ladies of Zion are invited and encouraged to attend. See you at the meeting!

Funeral Service for Bob Geyer. The funeral service for Bob will be on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The time of the service has not yet been determined and will be included in a future announcement. If you plan to attend in-person, we encourage you to fill out an RSVP form on our website: https://zionelpaso.org/bobgeyer/.



Collecting Backpacks and School Supplies for YLM's Back-to-School

Distribution: LWML is inviting all the members and friends of Zion to join us in collecting backpacks and school supplies to assist The Ysleta Lutheran Mission in their annual distribution to children and families in need. With the help of a Thrivent Action Grant, we will be collecting items beginning in mid-May and continue through the month of June, and into mid-July. Items needed for this collection are: **backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, watercolor markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and/or bottles of glue.** Items may be placed on the designated table in the Auditorium or maybe dropped off at the church office during office hours. Thanks, in advance, for supporting this outreach project!

CPH Reads Summer Reading Program. CPH Reads is a summer reading program through Concordia Publishing House. From June 1 to August 13, 2021, children of all ages can keep track of the books they read to earn points and possibly win prizes! If you would like some inspiration on what your children could read, you can find reading lists for all age ranges at **cph.org/reads**. To find more information on CPH Reads, create a family account, and log your points, visit **cph.org/reads**. If you would like a physical card to track your points, you can pick them up in the Zion office. If you log 1,000 points by August 13, your family will be entered to win an Amazon Fire HD Tablet!



Interested in Volunteering?

Each week we aim to thoughtfully spread the Word of God and keep all members of our Zion family connected to our church. Our volunteer opportunities include:

- Updating our marquee sign with the weekly Bible verse
- Preparing candles for worship services
- Putting up and taking down the outdoor flags
- Designing posters and graphics
- Maintaining and beautifying church grounds
- Making trips to the post office
- Folding monthly newsletters
- And more!

Serving GOD Together

No matter your skillset, we are happy to welcome anyone interested in stewardship opportunities at Zion. If you are interested, please call the church office at (915) 566-4667. You can also let us know in our worship service RSVP form, found on the weekly worship service post at www.zionelpaso.org. We would love to have you help in any way you can!



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