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# STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

#### The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

## **AS WE GATHER**

There is an immediacy in today's Epistle. The Church was not looked upon kindly by Jewish believers or the Roman Empire in Paul's day. So, he asks his readers, then and now, to not consider how others might evaluate them, but to focus on the spiritual reality that lies beneath. Then they might see the current moment as another day of salvation. He hopes that this will widen their hearts, that is, move them to let their faith be shown in greater loving actions. The other Readings remind us that the God we have come to trust is the One who created all things and is one with our Lord, who remained in control of His creation even as He was determined to die within it for our sakes.

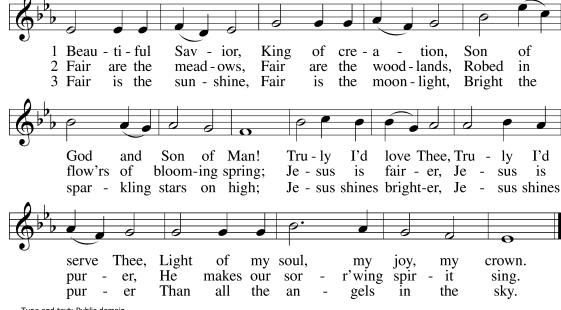
# **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stephen Heimer

David Garcia, organ

# **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Beautiful Savior" v.1-3 Lutheran Service Book 537



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## INVOCATION

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

- **P** In the name of the Father, Creator of all things.
- The LORD asked Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have L understanding."

## **O** Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

- In the name of the + Son, Lord of all creation. P
- Jesus said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. L
- Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- P In the name of the Holy Spirit, who graciously bestows faith.
- L We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. С



June 20, 2021

## **CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS**

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

## **G** 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 +↓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

- 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.

Christ, have mer-cy;

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 mer - cv.

- **G** 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.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

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

**G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.



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# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray. Almighty God, daily You forgive the sins of all who call out to You for mercy and blessing.
- Now, on this day of salvation, assure us again that nothing in all creation can separate us from You and Your gracious promises;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(God puts creature Job in his place.)

Job 38:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

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

#### **EPISTLE** (No matter the circumstances, now is the day of salvation.) 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 <sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our

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2 Tim 4:22

"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" LSB 946

ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

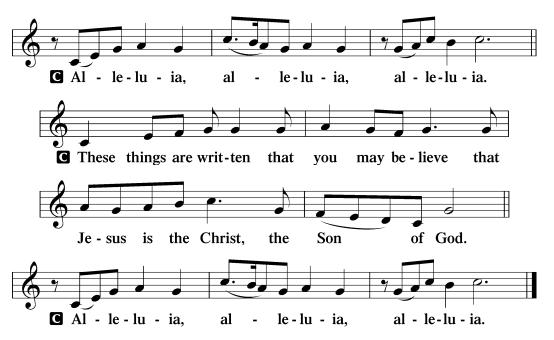
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM

Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say— <sup>2</sup>if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, <sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; <sup>4</sup>then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; <sup>5</sup>then over us would have gone the raging waters. <sup>6</sup>Blessèd be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! <sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! <sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

# **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



#### John 20:31

# HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus amazes the disciples by stilling the storm.)

Mark 4:35–41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

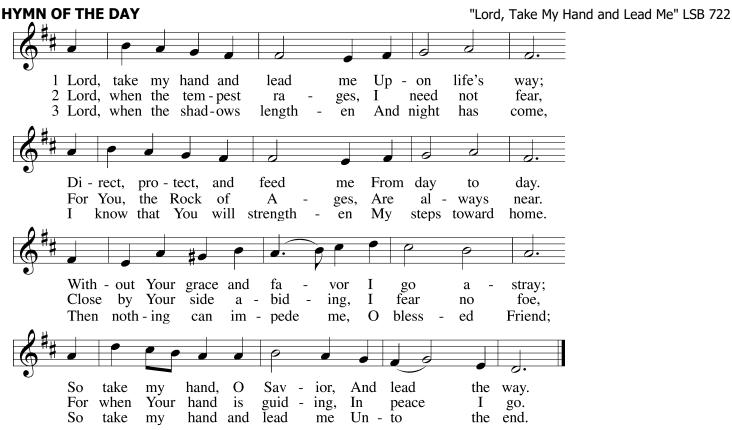
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **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 + of the world to come. Amen.



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#### SERMON

"Supernatural Calm"

David Garcia, organ

#### OFFERING

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# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

1 Tim 2:1-4

Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For all people who are trying to commend themselves this day in spite of various afflictions, hardships, or calamities, that God would strengthen and guide first responders, medical personnel, and support agencies until health, prosperity, and calm are restored, let us pray.

# Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

For all people who are enduring beatings, imprisonments, or riots, that God would give wisdom to political officials, protection to military leaders, and guidance to authorities to work for peace, protection, and justice, let us pray.

## Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

For all who feel trapped by harsh labor, sleepless nights, or hunger, that God would surround them with caring people to provide the social, emotional, and physical relief they so desperately need, and for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God would give them health, joy, and peace, let us pray. **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.** 

That the Church around the world would use the purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, and genuine love God provides to spread the news of forgiveness and salvation today and always, let us pray. **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.** 

That we would realize both the power and the love of God seen in the person of Christ, our Lord, and that now, in this day of salvation, He would help us widen our hearts to be part of His answer to these petitions, let us pray.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

That God would bless and guide all fathers as they seek to provide love and support for their families, let us sing "Our Father, by Whose Name."

We invite fathers to stand as we sing our prayers and thanksgivings to God

#### **PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

"Thank you, Lord, For Faithful Fathers" (sung to the tune of LSB 782)

- 1 Thank you, Lord, for faithful fathers blessed with the imprint of Your grace; Grant them strength and deep compassion Teaching their children all Your ways.
- Ref. Lord, we pray abundant blessing on these men whom you Have called. Be their Father, Savior, Helper Showering grace on them and all.
- As You chose and sent forth Abraham
  As You led by Moses' hand
  As You cared for Christ through Joseph
  Be the strength of every man

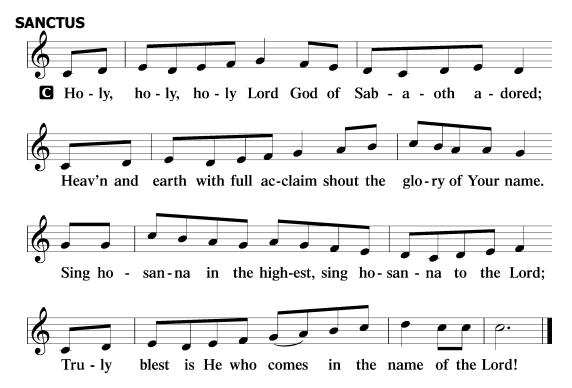
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# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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

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. When the news of His resurrection is proclaimed, this is indeed the favorable time, the day of salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

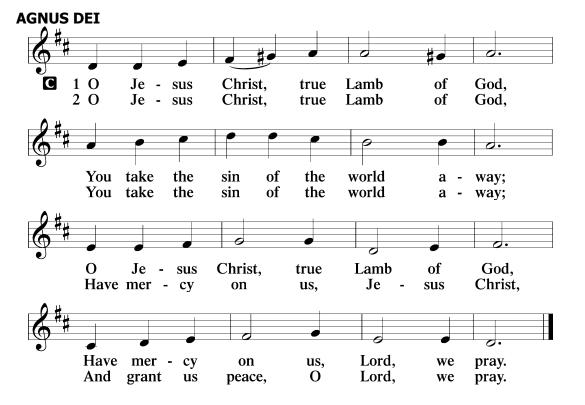


# LORD'S PRAYER

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**

P 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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

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

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into Your own creation to suffer and die that we might be saved. Today is indeed the favorable time and day of salvation as You offer forgiveness, life, and salvation through this Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood. We give You thanks and praise for graciously opening the eternal heavenly banquet to us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

# WORDS OF OUR LORD

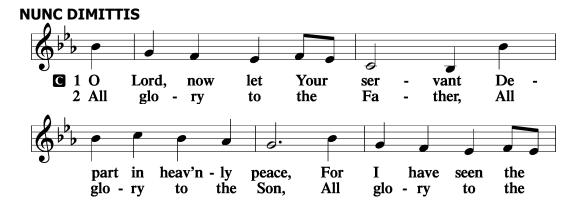
#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

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.

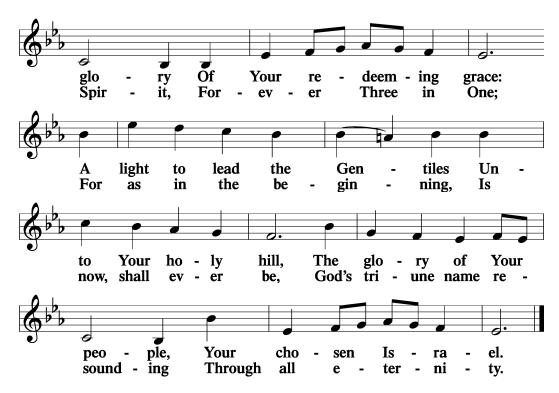
## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729 "Be Still My Soul" LSB 752 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" LSB 715

# POST COMMUNION BLESSING



Luke 2:29-32



# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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- **C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who made us; the Son, who saved us; and the Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—be upon you, this day and always.
- C Amen.
- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- G Thanks be to God.



#### POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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# Offerings

#### You can contribute offerings using four methods:

**In-Person donations:** You can place your donation in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary or in the secure box as you exit after the service.

**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
Elders:	Arlin Guess, Jim Smith
Readers:	Arlin Guess, Lydia Williams
Acolyte:	Haley Nathan
Camera Operator:	Jaden Heimer
Sound Director:	Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counter:	Mike & Claudia Vrahnos
Altar Guild:	Krysia Heimer

#### THIS WEEK AT ZION

6/22	Tuesday	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Confirmation Class Mariachi Practice
6/23	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Anapra
6/24	Thursday	6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
6/26	Saturday	9:30 AM	Handbell Choir Practice
6/27	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service w/ Communion

Altar Flowers today are given by Mary Sanchez in memory of her friends, John George and Edna Chavez.

**Youth Service Retreat at YLM!** We have a new service project opportunity for the Zion youth group! If you are able to participate, we will spend July 8-9, from 9:00am to 7:00pm, painting the Parsonage House at the Ysleta Lutheran Mission and gathering for Bible Studies and activities. Lunch and dinner will be provided on both days. The theme for this project is "Rally Point": "*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" - Matthew 6:33.* For more information and to register your child, please call Andrew Batts or the Zion office at (915) 566-4667.



**Offering Envelopes.** If you would like a box of weekly offering envelopes for 2021, please call Shirley Batts or the church office at (915) 566-4667.



# 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 may be 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!

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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 or send us an email at info@zionelpaso.org. We would love to have you help in any way you can!

# This Week's Memory Verse: June 14-20, 2021





Zion Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am—3:00pm

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