

"Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin... If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost + American Independence Day

10:30am, July 4, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Thank God for our nation! The celebration of Independence Day is not part of the traditional Church Year calendar. Rather, it is a national celebration that presents an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of our land. In observing the day, we are connected with the biblical record of God's people in times past who expressed thanks for the blessings that God had given to them through the nation of which they were part. The psalmist writes, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). As we bring our thankful praise to God, we ask that His blessing on our land would continue for generations.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" — David Garcia, organ; Pablo Palacios & Raul Candelaria, trumpet

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" sts. 1–3 LSB 966

Worshippers are invited to stand and face the processional cross



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.

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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 and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 10:12–13; Hebrews 4:15–16

- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C** **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

P For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

C **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Philippians 1:6; 2:7–8

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess to You our pride, arrogance, and boasting. Forgive us for all our sins in our thoughts, words, and works for the sake of Jesus, who “made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. For Jesus’ sake, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you for all of your sins of thoughts, words, and works in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" sts. 4–5 LSB 966



4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



Be - lieve, o - bey, re - jice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -

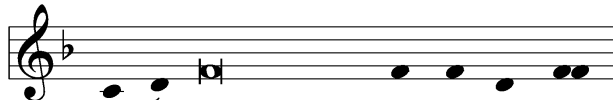


your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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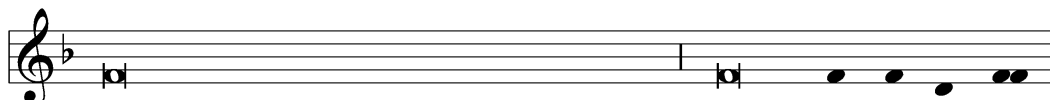
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



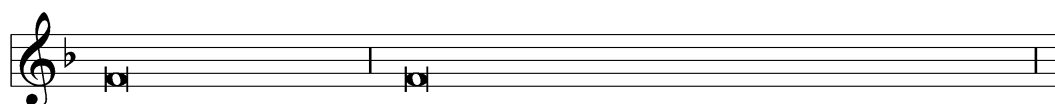
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



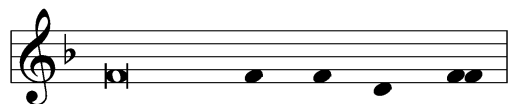
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



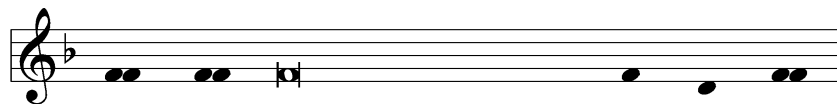
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.
- C** **Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;**
- P** through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(From shame to joy for God's people)

Isaiah 61:1-7

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the

oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁵Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; ⁶but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. ⁷Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(In freedom, love one another.)

Galatians 5:1, 13–14

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(The Son of God sets you free.)

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

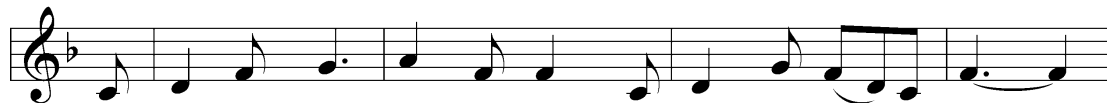
"Opportunity to Love" The Epistle

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When I Behold Jesus Christ" LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"America the Beautiful" by Kevin McChesney

Zion Handbell Choir

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OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" sts. 1, 5 LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
5 The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

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ARMED FORCES RECOGNITION AND BLESSING

SUNG PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

"God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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"God Bless America"

1 God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

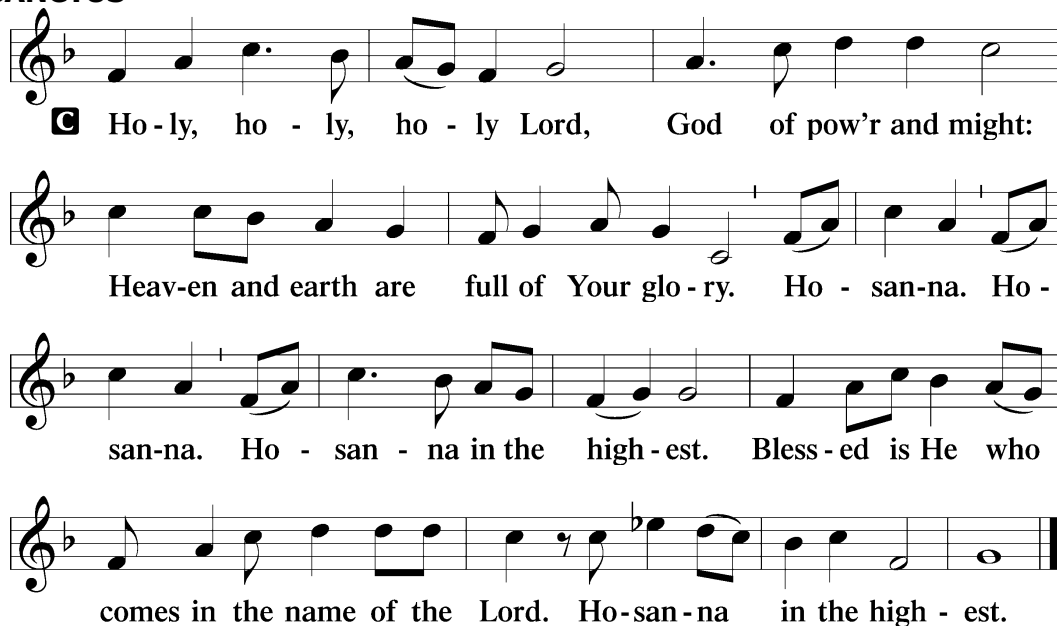
PREFACE

- 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** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

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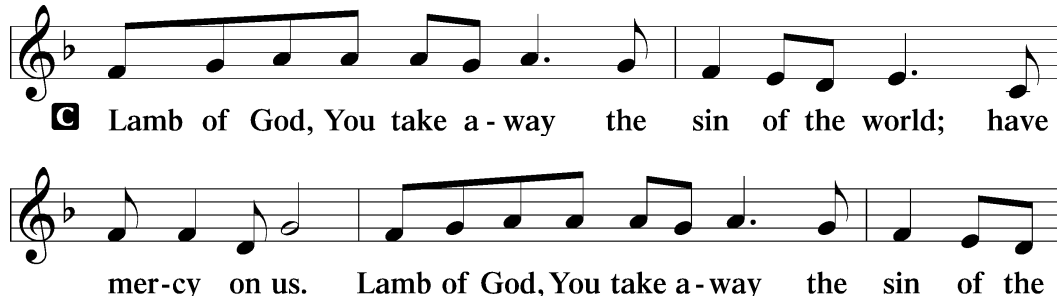
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Gracious God and Father, though Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to bring us Your heavenly peace, violence and conflict still rage among Your children on earth. Bring a restoration of calm and security, and heal the wounds that have been inflicted. Grant that we all may live together in unity and peace, and let all hatred and ill will be remembered no more. Give us that peace which the world cannot give, and grant us grace that, delivered from all conflict and strife, we may live in harmony and safety, and finally, having gained the eternal rest of the saints in glory, may praise and bless, worship and glorify You forever. **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever.

G Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING, PREPARATION HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness With a lib-er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preaches the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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After the closing Hymn, the Livestream ends and we continue with the reception of the Lord's Supper.

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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. A non-alcoholic wine for the sacrament is available upon request when you come forward. 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

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

"Listen, God is Calling" LSB 833

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

"O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing" LSB 635

"What is this Bread" LSB 629

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord" LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Let us pray.

C We thank You, Lord, for You have again fed and nourished us on our way through this world to the one to come. Guide us in living out Your grace until that day when we experience it in all of its fullness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

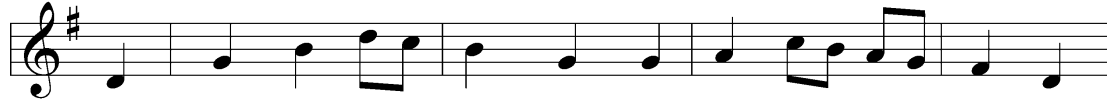
"Sent forth by God's blessing" LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



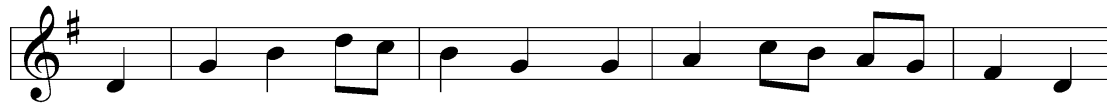
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



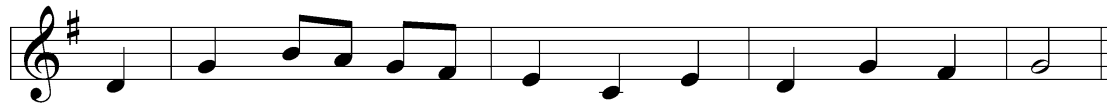
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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Altar Guild:	Peggy Djerf, Mariann Porter

THIS WEEK AT ZION

7/6	Tuesday	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Practice
7/7	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Anapra
7/8	Thursday	10:00 AM	Children's Story Time
		6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Ephesians" Bible Study
7/10	Saturday	8:45 AM	Children's Activities at Memorial Park
		9:30 AM	Handbell Choir Practice
7/11	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service



Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanks for His many blessings!

Faith, Family, Fun! Children's Ministry This Week:

Story Time: Thursday, July 8th at 10:00am

We invite all Zion families with children in third grade or younger to join us for Story Time! This summer, Zion will host several children's activities **in the Fellowship Hall. Join us at 10:00am for songs, stories, and crafts!** You can also browse and take-home books from our lending library! Please contact Krysia Heimer for more information.



Activities at the Park: Saturday, July 10th at 8:45am

Join us at Memorial Park from 8:45-10:30ish for some family fun! Get to know other families from Zion, get some good playtime for the kids, and be encouraged in your life as parents and the passing on of your faith to your kids! Activities will be good for ALL ages – so join us! *Look for us to have a shade canopy just below the playground area*

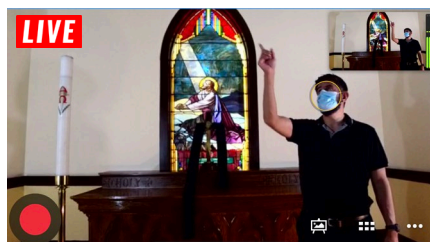
Final Days to Donate! Zion's LWML will continue collecting back-to-school items for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission **through Thursday, July 8th**. All items will be delivered to YLM on Friday, July 9th. Items needed for this collection are **backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, 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. YLM will be holding their Backpacks and School Supplies Distribution on Saturday, July 17th. Thanks, in advance, for supporting this outreach project!



CPH Reads & Zion Lending Library. CPH Reads is a summer reading program through Concordia Publishing House. Up until August 13, 2021, children of all ages can keep track of the books they read to earn points to 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 or **browse the children's books in our lending library located in the Fellowship Hall**. 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!

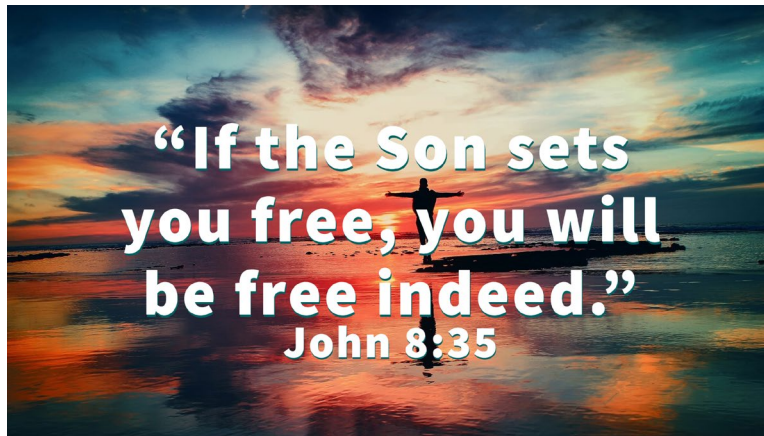


Offering Envelopes. If you would like a box of weekly offering envelopes for 2021, please call Shirley Batts or the church office at (915) 566-4667.



Volunteers Needed! Each week, we livestream our worship services and special events to reach those who are unable to be present in our sanctuary. We are looking to train volunteers on how to operate our user-friendly audio and video equipment. We need you to help keep our Zion family connected! Please call the church office to let us know you are interested!

This Week's Memory Verse: June 28- July 4, 2021



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

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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
- Shopping for supplies
- Folding monthly newsletters
- And more!



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!



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