

"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people"

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11, 2021

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!



David Garcia, organ
Pastor Stephen Heimer

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" v.1-2 LSB 723

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the

strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my

To Stanzas

strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

Stanza

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His

house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the

Refrain

Lord All the days of my life.

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will
 seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
 sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me. *Refrain*

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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** Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

- C** **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**
- P** You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
- C** **You covered all their sin.**
- P** You withdrew all Your wrath;
- C** **You turned from Your hot anger.**
- P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
- C** **and put away Your indignation toward us!**
- P** Will You be angry with us forever?
- C** **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**
- P** Will You not revive us again,
- C** **that Your people may rejoice in You?**
- P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
- C** **and grant us Your salvation.**

We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;

C **but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

C **that glory may dwell in our land.**

P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

C **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

C **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C **and our land will yield its increase.**

P Righteousness will go before Him

C **and make His footsteps a way.**

P The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. 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 **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"The Lord Is My Light" v.3 LSB 723

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?
3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -
long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

To Stanzas

Refrain

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PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 LESSON (Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam.) Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

EPISTLE LESSON (God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world.) Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL LESSON (Herodias gets John the Baptist's head.) Mark 6:14–29

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John,

whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

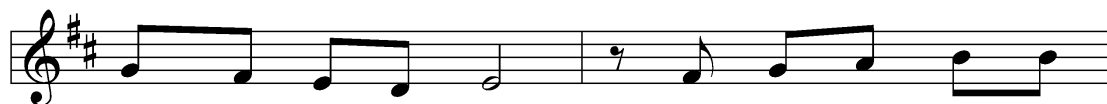
"Your Inheritance Will Come"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Consider How the Birds Above" v.1-2,4-6 LSB 736



1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove	Feed day by
2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil;	How fair is
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,	For life is
5 Be not a - fraid to suf - fer loss	Of all the
6 Seek first God's reign, His bound-less grace,	His ho - ly



day with care - free ease—	Does God not keep them
their fra - gil - i - ty—	If God clothes these, which
more than what we own.	Our Fa - ther knows our
things for which you pray,	For He who faced for
name in all you do:	Christ first and last in



in His love?	Are we not worth much more than these?
quick - ly spoil,	Will He not clothe both you and me?
ev - 'ry need	Be - fore our needs to us are known.
you the cross	Will give you strength to live each day.
ev - 'ry place;	All else will then be giv - en you.

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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.

OFFERING

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate located on the stand while entering (or offering box when leaving) the church, mailed, or given online at www.zionelpaso.org.

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" sts. 1, 3 LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;

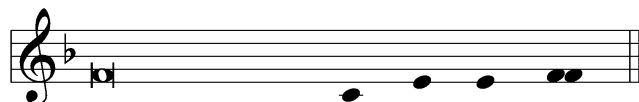


Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

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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.



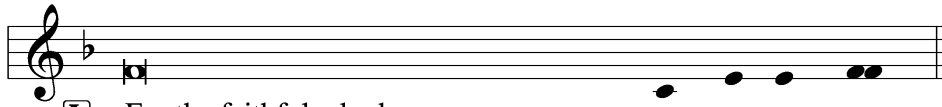
L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



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.**

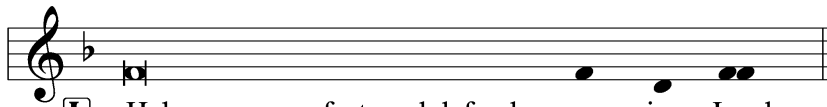
The prayers then continue:



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

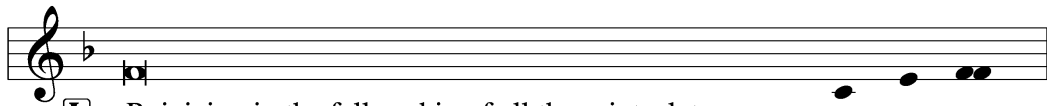


C Al - le - lu - ia.



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. Amen.

BLESSING

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

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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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

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

7/12	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
7/13	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mariachi Practice
7/14	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
		6:30 PM	Zion Elders Meeting
7/15	Thursday	10:00 AM	Children's Story Time
		6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Ephesians" Bible Study
7/17	Saturday	9:30 AM	Handbell Choir Practice
7/18	Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Worship Service w/ Communion
		9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service w/ Communion

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



Story Time: Thursday, July 15th at 10:00am

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

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!

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!

This Week's Memory Verse: July 5-11, 2021



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

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