

"You will find rest for your souls"

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE OF "CANTAD AL SEÑOR"

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Have you ever heard the phrase "Can't see the forest for the trees"? It means to be so caught up with the smaller focuses (the trees) that a grander picture (the forest) is not noticed. After Jesus miraculously fed the multitudes of people, they struggled to see the forest for the trees. Many marveled, and rightfully so, at their earthly needs met through Christ's power. Yet, Jesus came for more than providing meals and filling stomachs. He came to provide the greater things of forgiveness and eternal life. Through His teaching, people then and we now learn more of those greater things for which He came, that all in time could be able to see the forest from the trees, namely, forgiveness from the tree—the cross to which He would go.



GATHERING MUSIC

"Bueno Es Alabar" Mariachi San Pablo
"Eran Cien Ovejas" (Once a Loving Shepherd) sung by Miguel Muñoz
"Hacia la Cruz" (Look Toward the Cross) sung by Krysia Heimer

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation" v.1 LSB 644

All are invited to stand and turn to face the cross as it processes forward

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

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"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915 (sung to the tune of 644)

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.

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INVOCATION AND PRAYER

Matthew 18:20; Matthew 28:18-19

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

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you know our hearts and desires, You see our most hidden struggles and needs. Purify us by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that we may love You, worship You, and glorify You as you deserve. We ask this in the name of Your beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Jesus has commanded ...

(silence for reflection)

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that Your will would be our joy and we would walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

John 20:19-23

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



C I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,*
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,*
and shall not be | put to shame.



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KYRIE - PRAYER FOR MERCY

Oh Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Oh Lord have mer - cy up -
on us. Have Mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us. Oh Lord have
mer - cy up - on us. Christ the Lord have mer - cy up -
on us,
Christ the Lord have mer - cy up - on
us. Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Oh

GLORIA - PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LSB 805

Refrain

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.
A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

1 John saw the num-ber of all those re - deemed,
2 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
3 Sing with the peo-ple, the peo - ple of God,

And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
Whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
And join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,
Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength
Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might

Refrain

And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.
To God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

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COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather and serve here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

FIRST READING

(Christ makes us His Church, a royal priesthood)

1 Peter 2:4–9

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Unity and service in the Body of Christ)

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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VERSE

Psalm 115:1

C Alleluia. Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus invites us into His rest and into His work.)

Matthew 11:27-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons" v.1-3 LSB 682



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.

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SERMON

"Yoked to Freedom" The Gospel Lesson - Pastor Howard Patten

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Son" v.4-5 LSB 682



4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

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OFFERING

"Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver" sung by Krysia Heimer

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

- 1 Lord, You are more precious than silver; Lord, You are more costly than gold;
 Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds; And nothing I desire compares with You.
- 2 Lord, You are wider than the ocean Lord, You are deeper than the sea
 Lord, You are higher than the mountains And nothing I desire compares with You.

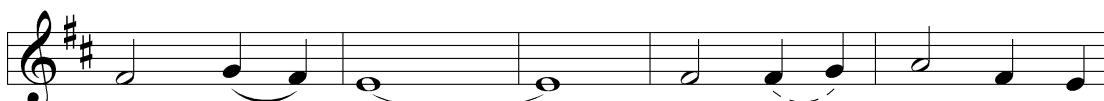
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OFFERTORY

"Seek Ye First" LSB 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

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 sends servants into the harvest field, that they might proclaim peace and spread the wondrous news of salvation to all people. 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" v.1,4 LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father" LSB 958



Our Fa - ther _____ who art in



heav - en, _____ Thy name be hal - lowed,



Thy name be hal - lowed, Heav - en - ly Fa - ther.



1 May Thy king - dom come to us, O
2 Give us this day, O Lord, our dai - ly
3 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

Lord; May Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord; As in
 bread; Lord, for-give our tres - pass - es, we pray, As
 Lord, Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, But de -
Refrain

heav - en so on earth may Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord.
 we for-give all those who tres - pass a - gainst us, Lord.
 liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God that takes a-way the sins of the
 world Lord have mer - cy on us O Lamb
 of God that takes a-way the sins of the world
 Lord have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God
 that takes a-way the sins of the world grant us your
 peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Am the Bread of Life" sung by David Garcia
 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641
 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918
 "O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing" LSB 635

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in, with, and under bread and wine with the body and blood of Your dear Son, supplying not only for our stomachs but for our souls. Sustain us in faith and life in Christ that we may do the good You desire and faithfully live out our days in Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


G Amen.

BENEDICTION


RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" v.1,4-6 LSB 837


Refrain



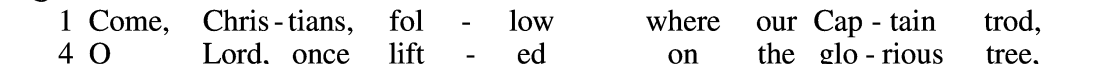
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



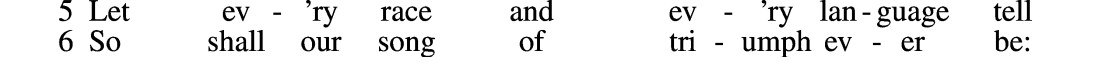
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



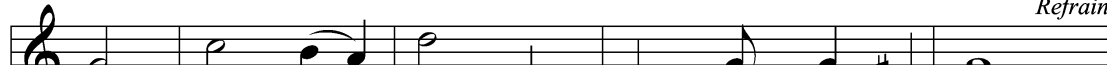
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,



4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

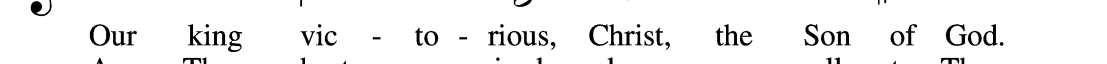


5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

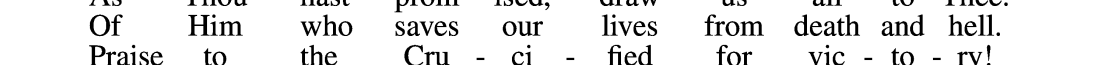


6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE MUSIC

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Gabryelle Rodriguez

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 www.zionelpaso.org. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

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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!

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.

Altar Flowers today are given by Deborah Livingston in celebration of her son Christopher's birthday!

Today's altar flowers are also given by the Zion congregation in honor of Pastor Stephen's 10 years of dedication to our church!

Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2021. The circumstances of the past year have led to the Zion Day School being realistically unable to reopen this year, and as a consequence, we must relinquish our Day School license. Council requests, based on recommendations from the Board of Education and Day School Board, that an official vote take place on closing the Day School in order for us to be able to move forward with new ministry. Council wishes to give members of the voter's assembly an opportunity to give input into what Zion's future holds. More detailed information will be provided at the voter's meeting on the 8th of August, in the Zion auditorium.



**VOTERS
MEETING**



Kid Olympics: Saturday, August 7th, at 8:45am

Join us at the Zion playground for Kid Olympics! Kid Olympics is a silly take on the Olympic Games, made just for kids! Come prepared to enjoy games like: Walk the Line, Hula Hoop Endurance, Jolly Javelin, Funny Field Hockey, Silly Shot Put, and Belly Burst!

Join us after the worship service for a celebratory potluck! After today's worship service, we will have a barbecue potluck in the church auditorium and outdoor courtyard area. **We will be celebrating two very special events—the 10th anniversary of Pastor Stephen's ordination & the 20th year of Mariachi San Pablo!**



*Congratulations Pastor Stephen & Mariachi San Pablo!
Thank you for all you do!*



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

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

8/3	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mariachi Practice
8/4	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
8/5	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Ephesians" Bible Study
8/7	Saturday	8:45 AM	Kid Olympics at Zion
8/8	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service
		12:00 PM	Voters Meeting

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