## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION - A.C.T.S.

Adoration + Confession + Thanksgiving + Supplication

# **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT**

#### The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

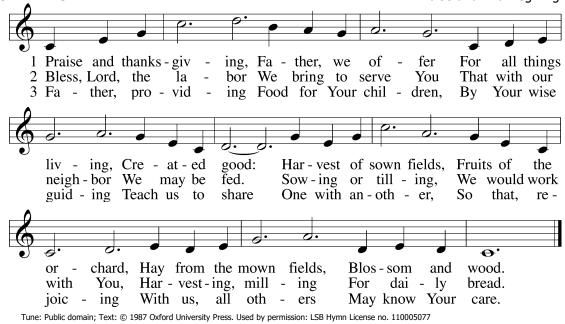
#### **AS WE GATHER**

**OPENING HYMN** 

Most food we make, purchase, and use has a shelf life. Some longer, some shorter, but at some point, we know goods expire. This is especially true with bread. When not used in a timely manner, bread dries out, hardens, and even molds. How different is the bread Jesus teaches of, the bread that is Himself. Continuing in John 6, He teaches the people what He came to provide, which is Himself from heaven. In our worship, in our reception of His Means of Grace, in our prayers and praise, and in our daily lives, let us rejoice in the Bread that lasts for our needs of faith and forgiveness, that we, too, may continually "taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8).

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

"Praise and Thanksgiving" Lutheran Service Book 789



## INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance and celebration of their baptism.

 $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

#### ADORATION

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

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Psalm 34:1-8

August 8, 2021

David Garcia, organ Pastor Stephen Heimer This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

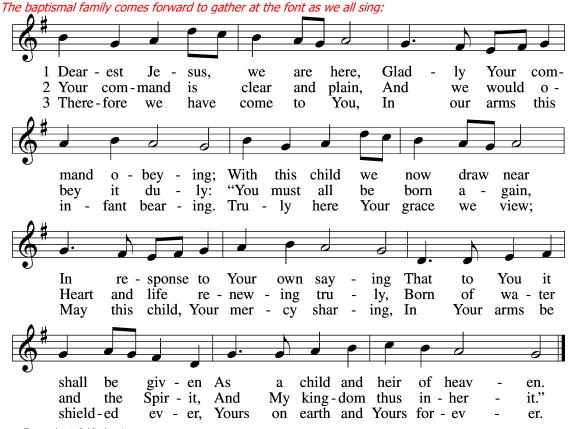
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### + HOLY BAPTISM +

#### **BAPTISMAL ADDRESS**

#### **BAPTISMAL HYMN**

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" v.1-3 LSB 592



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#### NAMING AND SIGN OF THE CROSS

#### THE FLOOD PRAYER

#### **PROMISES OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS**

- From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- Is it your intention to serve this child as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R Yes, with the help of God.
- God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- **C** Amen.

## HOLY GOSPEL FOR BAPTISM

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- Do you 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

The pastor places his hand on the baptismal candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

• 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.

#### THE BAPTISM

- **P** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

#### BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED PRESENTATION OF THE WHITE GARMENT PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

#### WELCOME

- ▲ In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- **G** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

#### PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Amelia the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her

baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- ▶ Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon Mateo and Darcy, the father and mother of this child, and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them.
- Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen

#### THE PEACE

- $\mathbf{P}$  Peace + be with you.
- **C** Amen.

#### HYMN OF BAPTISMAL WELCOME

"Father Welcomes" LSB 605



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#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(Elijah flees and the Lord feeds.)

1 Kings 19:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." <sup>8</sup>And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING**

#### (New life as God's children)

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

<sup>17</sup>This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. <sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

(Jesus, the bread of life, continues teaching.)

John 6:35–51

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

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."<sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."<sup>42</sup>They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### SERMON

"Bread of Heaven, Living Manna"

**SERMON HYMN** 1 Bread of heav-en, liv - ing man-na, Love and mer - cy 2 Bread of heav-en, liv - ing man-na, Sure Your prom-ise— 3 Bread of heav-en, liv - ing man-na, Bread the an - cients You ex - ude: Per - fect of - f'ring, free - ly giv - en "Take and eat; this faith - ful, true: bread here bro-ken nev - er knew; You, Lord Je - sus, came from heav - en, the blood - marked Pas - chal rood; On Bread un - leav - ened, My bod - y Is giv'n for you. Take and drink; this That our world be fed by You; Now in You we Lamb un-blem-ished, Free - ing sin - bound slaves from strife: cup of bless - ing Is My ver - y blood out - poured." nev - er hun - ger, And be-liev - ing, thirst no more; Feed des ert jour-ney, our 115 on With sins for - giv-enthanks-giv-ing-Liv ing in You, Lord, we ev - er Life. of Ho ly Je - sus. Bread We will ev - er bless You, Lord! Have be - ing and dore. our a -Tune: Public domain; Text: © 2016 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: Creative Worship License no. 110005077

#### **CONFESSION OF FATIH**

Apostles' Creed

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

P Jesus said ...

(silence for reflection)

- P Most merciful God,
- 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

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- Lord God, Heavenly Father we lift up our hearts in gratitude to you, and for all your Loving kindness we bless your holy Name.
- **L** For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy with which you have guided us all the days of our life...

#### **G** we thank you!

**L** For the wonder and beauty of your creation, and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious...

#### **G** we praise you!

**L** For the gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; for the grace and truth that have come by Him; and for his obedience unto death, even death on a cross...

#### • we worship you!

- **L** For His glorious resurrection and ascension to your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion...
- we glorify you!

**I** For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth...

## • we thank you!

**L** For the early leadership gifts to Your Church of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Deacons, Saints, Martyrs ... and for their lives of service to You and mission to a dying world we bless Your grace and thank You for their example to us as Servant Leaders...

## **G** we thank you!

**I** For the Servant Leaders and the leadership gifts You have breathed so abundantly into this congregation in the past, now in the present, and toward a promising future...

## **G** we thank you!

L We lift up our thanksgiving, praise, adoration and love to You, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

## G Amen!

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

- Almighty God, because you have committed to your people the ministry of intercession hear us as we pray for others, and fill our spirits with your grace:
- For your holy Church throughout all the world, that you would pour out upon Your ministers of Word and Sacrament the abundance of your grace and truth and that you would create in all your people a hunger for your Word, a love for your church, a passion for your mission and a compassion for those in need, Lord in your mercy,

#### **G** Hear our prayer

▶ For the nations and for our nation, especially our president Joe Biden, Congress, our state, city, and county leaders that you would breathe on them the spirit of peace and understanding: For those in authority, that you would inspire in them a true desire for peace, a zeal for Justice, a heart for the weak, and a love of concord, Lord in your mercy,

#### G Hear our prayer

■ For all the schools and colleges of our nation and world; for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom, Lord in your mercy,

#### • Hear our prayer

▶ For all in sickness and distress that you would give strength to the weary, relief to the suffering, and comfort to the dying ... today heavenly Father we remember before your throne of grace particularly ...... Lord in your mercy,

#### **G** Hear our prayer

- (Here other supplications may be offered)
- IP For all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear we give you our highest thanks, and we pray you to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, into your eternal kingdom of peace and life and "to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen

## COLLECT

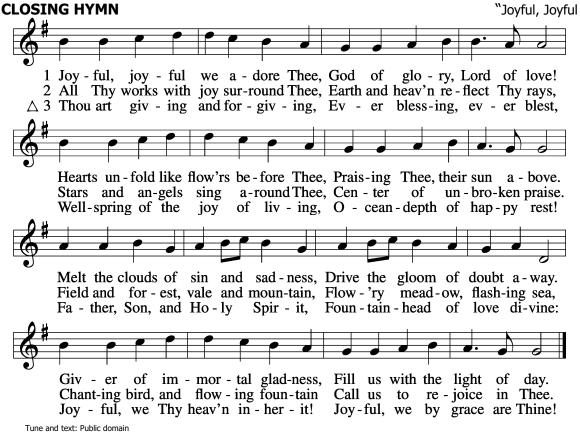
- Blessed are You, almighty God, for You gave to us the Living Bread from heaven to grant life eternal. Prepare our hearts, minds, mouths, and souls to receive Him in faith as He comes to us still for the forgiveness of sins. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

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.

#### BENEDICTION

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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#### ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Liturgist:	Pastor Stephen Heimer
Organist:	David Garcia
Elder:	Jim Smith
Reader:	Tim Kludt
Camera Operator:	Jaden Heimer
Sound Director:	Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counters:	Mike & Claudia Vrahnos

#### THIS WEEK AT ZION

8/9	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
8/10	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mariachi Practice
8/11	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
8/15	Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Worship Service w/ Communion
		9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service w/ Communion

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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 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.

**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 donate 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 to the glory of God and in gratitude for His countless blessings!



**Voters Meeting Today! Immediately after today's worship service, we will have a Voters Meeting in the Zion auditorium and on Zoom.** 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 during the voter's meeting.

## "Family, Faith, Fun" At The Park: Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:45am

**Join us at Memorial Park from 8:45-10:30am.** We will have activities for kids of ALL ages! Look for us to have a shade canopy just below the playground area. Please contact Krysia Heimer or Mary Sanchez with any questions.





# The Funeral Service for Barbara Ann Laux will be held at 2:00pm on

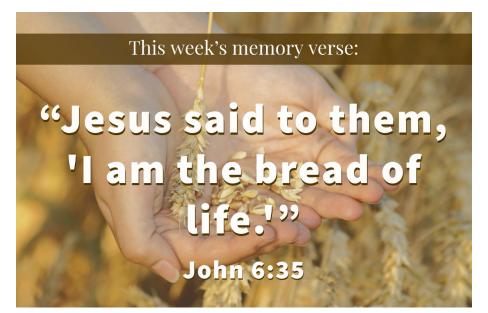
**Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church.** You are welcome to join inperson or online. We have set up a web page in honor of Barbara at *https://zionelpaso.org/barbaralaux/*. You can visit the web page to view Barbara's obituary, leave a message for her family, download the service bulletin, and watch the service livestream. **Final Days of CPH Reads!** You have until August 13<sup>th</sup> to earn points and win prizes! Children of all ages can participate by logging the books that they read at *cph.org/reads*. If your children want some inspiration on what to read, you can **browse the children's books in our lending library located in the Fellowship Hall.** To find more information about CPH Reads, create a family account, and track your points, visit *cph.org/reads*. If you log 1,000 points by August 13<sup>th</sup>, your family will be entered to win an Amazon Fire HD tablet! Read together. Pray together.





**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: August 2-8, 2021





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