

"The unfolding of your words gives light"

**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION - A.C.T.S.**  
*Adoration + Confession + Thanksgiving + Supplication*

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 29, 2021**

## AS WE GATHER

Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.



## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, organ  
Pastor Howard Patten

## MISSION PRAYER

**Almighty God, Heavenly Father Your mercies are new to us each morning and your faithfulness reaches to eternity. Today You again invite us to celebrate Your gift of life in Christ and to pray for Your Church and world. We offer You new this day our lives, our thanks, and also the heartaches and hopes of the world; we bring before You the names and needs of our families and friends, our neighborhoods and our nation, our city and our world, Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your Church and upon this Your congregation that we live with confidence the joy and healing power of Your Son's resurrection. In the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

"The Lord is My Light" v.1-2 Lutheran Service Book 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.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## ADORATION

Psalm 119:130,133; Psalm 51:11-12

- P** Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.  
**C** **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**  
**P** Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,  
**C** **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**  
**P** Cast us not away from Your presence,  
**C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**  
**P** Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

- P** We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. 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 OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Holy Spirit, You inspired the prophets, evangelists, and apostles to write the words of the Scriptures. Help us to cherish Your words so that they might be to our benefit for wisdom and understanding; for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Moses' encouragement to the Israelites)

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

<sup>1</sup>Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . . <sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup>Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

(Put on the whole armor of God.)

Ephesians 6:10–20

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual

forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

(What defiles a person?)

Mark 7:14–23

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

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

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

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.**

## SERMON HYMN

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" v.1-4 LSB 594




1	God's	own	child,	I	glad - ly	say	it:	I	am	bap-tized
2	Sin,	dis -	turb	my	soul	no	long - er:	I	am	bap-tized
3	Sa -	tan,	hear	this	proc - la	ma -	tion:	I	am	bap-tized
4	Death,	you	can -	not	end	my	glad-ness:	I	am	bap-tized




in -	to	Christ!	He,	be -	cause	I	could	not	pay	it,
in -	to	Christ!	I	have	com -	fort	e -	ven	strong - er:	
in -	to	Christ!	Drop	your	ug -	ly	ac -	cu -	sa -	tion,
in -	to	Christ!	When	I	die,	I	leave	all	sad -	ness



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

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## SERMON


"Put on the Full Armor of God" - Epistle Reading

## OFFERING


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## OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated" v.1,6 LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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

## PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

- P** 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:
- P** 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,
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** 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,
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** 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,
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** 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,
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** (Here other supplications may be offered)
- P** 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**

## 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

**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

**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)

**G Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"Thy Word Is a Lamp" LSB 973



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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**ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE**

**Preacher & Liturgist:** Pastor Howard Patten  
**Organist:** David Garcia  
**Reader:** Valerie Rasmussen  
**Acolyte:** Victoria Ochoa  
**Camera Operator:** Alex Sanchez  
**Sound Director:** Brenna Rodriguez  
**Offering Counters:** Mike & Claudia Vrahnos

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

9/5	Sunday	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

***Birthdays:***

9/1 Daniel Dennis  
9/2 Stephanie Lettunich

***Anniversaries:***

9/1 Glenn & Lettie Nathan  
9/2 Phillip & Mabel Barraza  
9/4 Paul & Kathy Voelsch  
9/4 Stephen & Krysia Heimer

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## Offerings

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**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](http://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. Thanks be to God for His countless blessings!



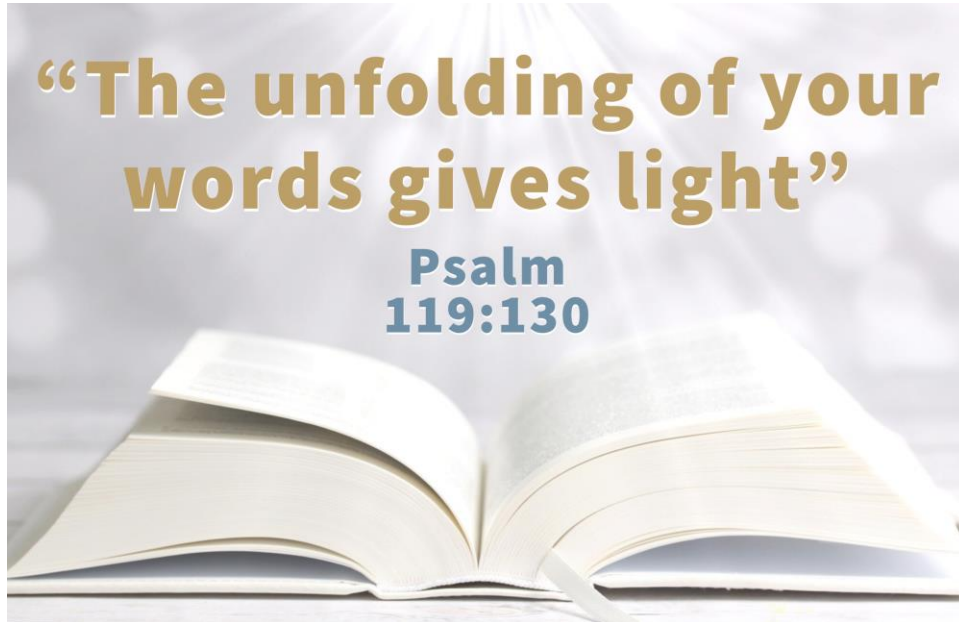
**Grow in the Word Sunday!** On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have an informational event on the upcoming Bible studies at Zion! We will have information booths and sign-up opportunities for each of our Bible studies set up in the church auditorium. You will have an opportunity to learn about the topics for each Bible study, ask the group leaders any questions you have, and seek ways to *grow in the Word!*

**Good Luck, Mariachi San Pablo!** Pastor Stephen and Mariachi San Pablo are currently in South Dakota to perform for other LCMS communities. We wish them luck as they bless the ears of many with their joyful music!



**Welcome, Pastor Patten!** While Pastor Stephen is away with Mariachi San Pablo, Pastor Howard Patten is leading our worship services. We are so grateful that Pastor Patten continues to be a strong part of our church! As a result, **there will be no outdoor service on Sunday, September 5, 2021.** The only worship service will be indoors at 10:30am.

**This Week's Memory Verse: August 23-29, 2021**



**“The unfolding of your  
words gives light”**

**Psalm  
119:130**



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

Stephen E. Heimer, Pastor  
David Garcia, Music Director  
Andrew Batts, Administrative Assistant

## **"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"**

*This list of prayer requests is updated and provided for your prayer time each week.  
If you would like someone added to or removed from this listing, please contact our church office.*

**LORD OF THE NATIONS WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GIVE OUR LEADERS** wisdom, strength, and vision in all of their duties; guide and inspire our President, Joe Biden, the Congress of the United States of America, our Governor, Greg Abbott, our Mayor, Oscar Leeser, and all elected leaders in our city and county, and throughout this nation in their responsibilities.

**LORD JESUS CHRIST GREAT PHYSICIAN OF BODY, MIND, HEART, AND SOUL, WE PRAY YOUR** strength, healing, and the deep sense of Your comfort and presence for: Alycia Zander (daughter of Pastor Howard & Marilyn Patten, Addison's disease & Lupus); Shawn Blackiston (foot surgery recovery); Jan Borschtnik (recovery, hip replacement); Jim McVay (cancer); Glenn Nathan Jr. (car accident); Dominic Nuñez (coma); Jean Yager (surgery recovery); Julia Duke (shoulder surgery); LeAnn Eyerman (niece of Time & Kathie Eyerman, cancer); Debra Mosley (heart pains); and Bill Server (dental procedure).

**LORD OF HOSTS WE ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR NATION'S ARMED FORCES.** We remember members and friends of Zion's congregation stationed at Fort Bliss, and all of their families: Wellington Overman, James Hauter, Steve Higgins, Gavin Chase, Sean Roddick, and all our nation's military personnel and their families throughout the United States and the world: Jonathan Shaw (Maryland); Joseph Kellogg (North Carolina); Jon Lorenz (Indiana); Rickie Meers (Washington); Matthew Christensen (Nebraska); and Zach Newman (South Korea). Surround them with Your protection in all their duties. Strengthen the ministry of military chaplains.

**WE CONTINUE IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS** for our members and friends who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Robert Ahrens, Amy Bodey, Hedio Jacobs, and Elfriede Santaguida.



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