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

Adoration + Confession + Thanksgiving + Supplication

# **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

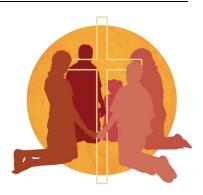
## STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost + "Grow In The Word" Sunday

**September 12, 2021** 

## **AS WE GATHER**

In today's Readings, James draws our attention to the tongue. Our tongues might be small but, like the rudder of a ship, the tongue is vitally important to us for staying on the right course. If the rudder is broken, the ship is adrift. If the tongue is filled with evil, so will the rest of our lives. But the tongue also boasts of great things, speaking God's good word of forgiveness and life. Remember that Jesus has restored all things, including our tongues to no longer speak evil, but to speak His Word. Today we are blessed to commission congregation members who are leading our Christian Education efforts to teach young and old this year. After our worship service, please enjoy snacks in the auditorium to congratulate our newly baptized members and visit the display tables, where you can learn about and sign up to join a Bible study group.



## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, organ Pastor Stephen Heimer

#### OPENING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader" Lutheran Service Book 861

## **INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

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

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

## PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

ADORATION from Psalm 116 & Mark 9

- **P** I called on the name of the LORD:
- **O** LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!
- **P** The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.
- **⚠** The Lord has opened our ears.
- **P** The LORD has delivered us from death.
- He wipes away tears from all faces.
- P He rescues our feet from stumbling
- and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news. 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.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

### + HOLY BAPTISM +

## **BAPTISMAL HYMN**

"Father Welcomes All His Children" LSB 605



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### **BAPTISMAL ADDRESS**

## NAMING AND SIGN OF THE CROSS

### THE FLOOD PRAYER

## PROMISES OF 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.
- **P** Is it your intention to serve these children as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R Yes, with the help of God.

- P 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.
- Amen.

### **HOLY GOSPEL FOR BAPTISM**

(Jesus calls the children to come to Him.)

Mark 10:13-16

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.
- 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.
- **P** 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**

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

### **BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WHITE GARMENT

## PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

#### THE WELCOME

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers 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.
- 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 William, Elliott, and Oliver the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they are most certainly Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead godly lives 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. Amen.
- P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon Gavin and Beth Ann, the father and mother of these children, 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.
- P 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.
- Amen

### THE PEACE

- P Peace 

  → be with you.
- Amen.

The baptismal family may return to their seats as we all sing:



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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C Amen.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GoD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

## **EPISTLE READING**

(The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.)

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ³but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹oFrom the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

#### **VERSE**

Alleluia. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** 

(Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.)

Mark 9:14-29

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

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he

arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed, Third Article and Meaning

- 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.
- What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
- **P** This is most certainly true.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

SERMON "Tongues for Teaching"

**OFFERING** David Garcia, organ



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## **COMMISSIONING OF 2021-22 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS**

### + PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH +

#### 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.
- 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...

## **@** we thank you!

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

## we praise you!

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!

• For His glorious resurrection and ascension to your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion...

## **@** we glorify you!

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...

## **@** we thank you!

• 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...

## we thank you!

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.

## **⚠** 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:
- 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,

## • 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,

## 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,

#### **G** 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)
- 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. **Amen**

## **MORNING PRAYER**

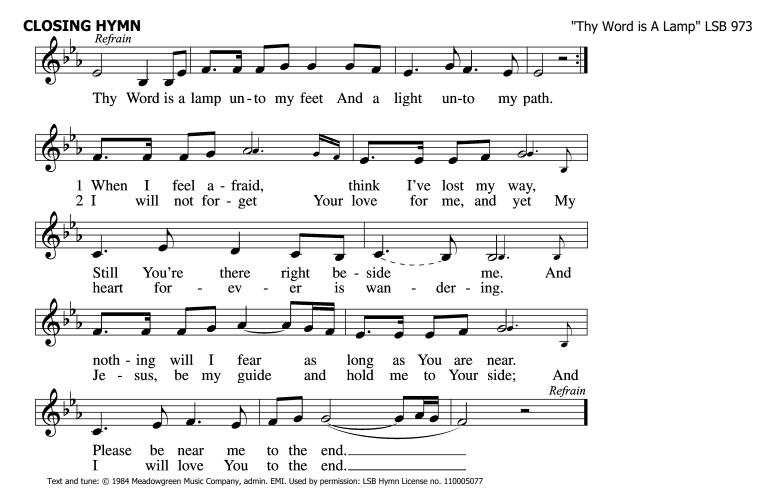
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God, by Your Word You spoke creation into being. Tame our tongues and guide our words so that we would proclaim Your promises to the world; 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**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POSTLUDE David Garcia, organ

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You can contribute offerings using any of the following 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!



## Grow in the Word Sunday!

Join us in the Auditorium!

After today's worship service, we will have an informational event on the upcoming Bible studies at Zion! We will have information tables 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!

**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 thanks for His countless blessings!

**Outdoor Worship Service Next Sunday!** Outdoor communion services at Zion will resume next Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 8:00am. All are welcome to attend this service and worship in the fresh air!

**Youth Confirmation Classes Resume** on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm, after our break for the summer. The classes are offered in-person and online through Zoom. If you would like to sign-up a teenager in your family, Confirmation Registration Forms will be available for you at today's Bible Study Walk-Through in the Auditorium.

**Free Kitchen Supplies!** LWML has sorted through their kitchen supplies and are offering some of them to the congregation. A cart is set up in the Auditorium with all the items available for you to take home. Please help yourself!

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
Congratulations, Gavin & Beth Ann Chase, on the Baptisms of
William, Elliott, and Oliver!

## Group Bible Studies at Zion

All are invited to participate in our Bible studies.

Please join us in the Auditorium after today's worship service for snacks and an opportunity to learn more about these group Bible studies. 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!** 

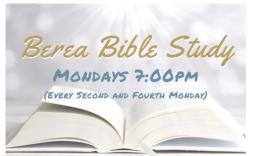
## **Sundays 9:15 AM**

Granville Sewell will be finishing his 4-week class on Intelligent Design on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The study focuses on the videos "A Summary of the Evidence for Intelligent Design" and "Why Evolution is Different," among others. After this, the Sunday Adult Bible Study will resume our study of Exodus. The book of Exodus offers us great insight and confidence as we live out our lives today. Adults and teens are all welcome inperson in the Zion auditorium or online via Zoom.



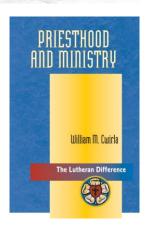
## Mondays 7:00 PM (Every second and fourth Monday)

The Berea Bible Study group meets at 7:00pm on Zoom on the second and fourth Monday of each month. We focus on the study of the Bible, going over small lessons based on Biblical texts, learning about the Church, and examining how the Bible came to be. We study a stand-alone lesson each time we meet, so please join us even if you may miss some of our meetings! If you are interested in joining the Berea Bible Study, call the church office or Peggy Djerf and we will send you the Zoom link and the upcoming lesson.



## Tuesdays 7:00 PM

The Eastside Bible Study Group will resume meeting, on Zoom, on Tuesday evenings, beginning on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying "The Lutheran Difference Series: Priesthood and Ministry", a 6-week study, which will end on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. This study will deal with the proper distinction of priesthood and ministry, which lies at the heart of the Lutheran Reformation. The topics we will study and discuss are: "Baptism and Priesthood", "The Priesthood at Worship", "The Priesthood at Work", "The Office of Holy Ministry", "Qualities and Tasks", and "Call and Ordination". New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend! For more information, please contact the Church Office or Lydia Williams at (915) 630-2131.



## Thursdays 7:00 PM

Beginning on Thursday, September 9, at 7:00pm, Pastor Howard Patten will be leading a study of one of the most popular, yet least studied writings in the New Testament, the Gospel of John. Unique among the four Gospels, John's "Life of Jesus" leads us not so much through a biography of Jesus' life and ministry, but into the deep and somewhat unknown dimensions of the mission of the Anointed One, the Old Testament Messiah, the New Testament Christ. Through John's intimacy with Jesus alone we learn of the



casual event of a Cana wedding, the disbelief of His four brothers, and the six chapters of a 20 chapter "book" devoted to both the last week leading to His death and the deepest theology of His Holy Spirit. We will gather on Zoom from 7:00—8:30pm each Thursday before taking a break for Advent. You can say as much or as little as you are comfortable with. We ordinarily cover one chapter per meeting. Please contact Pastor Patten, Mary Sanchez, or the church office for more information.

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

**Preacher & Liturgist:** Pastor Stephen Heimer

Organist:
Reader:
Elder:
Camera Operator:
Sound Director:
Offering Counters:
David Garcia
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Jim Smith
Jaden Heimer
Brenna Rodriguez
Jerry & Shirley Batts

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

9/13	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
9/14	Tuesday	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Rehearsal
9/15	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
		6:00 PM	Council Meeting
9/16	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Gospel of John" Bible Study
9/19	Sunday	8:00 AM	<b>Outdoor Worship Service with Communion</b>
		9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion



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

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