

"Whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death"

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 26, 2021

AS WE GATHER

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."



David Garcia, organ
Pastor Stephen Heimer

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

INVOCATIONAL HYMN

"Rise, Shine, You People" Lutheran Service Book 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

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

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ADORATION

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
C **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
P May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
C **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

- P** James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."
C **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.**
- P** God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
C **may the LORD rejoice in His works.**
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

ENTRANCE HYMN "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" v. 4, 12, 15 LSB 439 (sung to tune of LSB 825)

- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and mercy.
- C** **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

(The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.)

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.)

James 5:13–20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

GOSPEL LESSON (Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.) Mark 9:38–50

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- 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

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious" LSB 646

SERMON

"You Light Up the World"

OFFERING

David Garcia, organ

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" v. 1–3 LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;



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

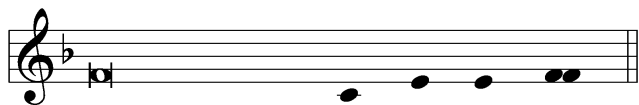
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MISSION PRAYER

- C** 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 congregation that we boldly live the joy and healing power of Your Son's resurrection. In the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



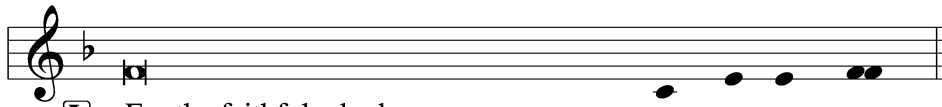
- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

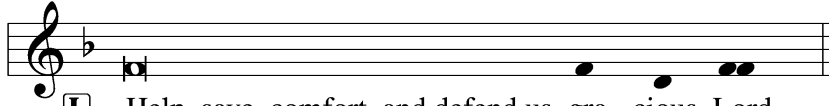
The prayers then continue:



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

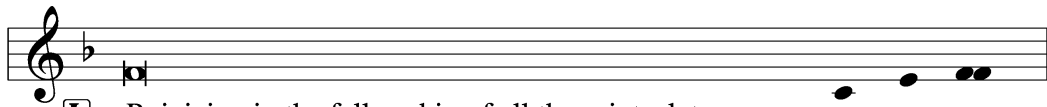


C Al - le - lu - ia.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR THE MORNING

C Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

(Martin Luther)

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

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660



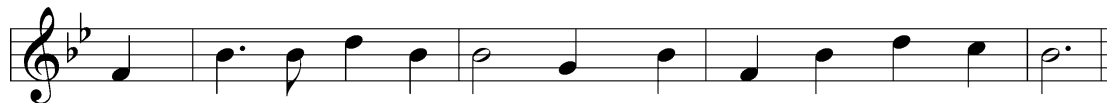
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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Offerings

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 Mobile 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!

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanks for His countless blessings!

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.



LWML Sunday will be observed and celebrated **next Sunday, October 3rd**, during the church service, and afterwards with a Reception in the Auditorium! LWML members will be participating during the Church service as Greeters, Ushers, and as a Reader. **A Cake and Ice Cream Reception** will be held in the Auditorium, afterwards, to celebrate LWML. **Everyone is invited!** A freewill offering to help the Juarez Lutheran Churches will be collected at the Reception. Please plan on joining us after the service and enjoy dessert: cakes made by Mary Sanchez and ice cream before you go out to lunch! We hope to see you there!

LWML Meeting. Zion's LWML will meet this coming **Tuesday, September 28th, at 1:30pm, in the Auditorium, and on Zoom.** Lydia Williams will present the Devotion and Barbara Fourzan and Earnestine Howard will provide refreshments. During the meeting we will distribute our new Directories. In addition, we will be discussing LWML Sunday, October 3rd; the LWML Rio Grande Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 9th, in Alamogordo, NM; discussing and voting on amending our LWML Bylaws; our Memorial Gift to Zion in memory of 6 ladies who passed away this past year; and other upcoming events. All the ladies of Zion are invited and encouraged to attend! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Free Kitchen Items! 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!

Group Bible Studies at Zion

All are invited to participate in our Bible studies.

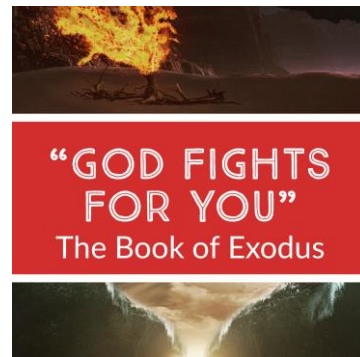
Please call the Zion office at (915) 566-4667 for information on how to join a Bible study group!

Sundays 9:15 AM

The book of Exodus offers us great insight and confidence as we live out our lives today. Our study will resume with our final section: "God Fights For Your Holiness". Adults and teens are all welcome in-person in the Zion auditorium or online via Zoom.

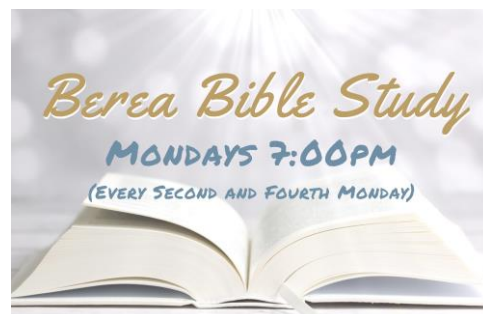
"GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU"

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- ✓ For Your Survival
- ✓ For Your Peace
- For Your Holiness



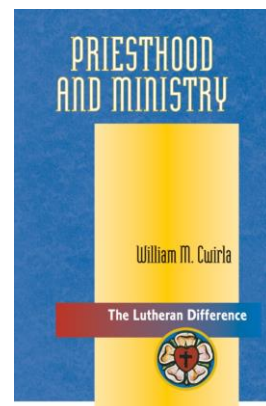
Mondays 7:00 PM (Every second and fourth Monday)

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.



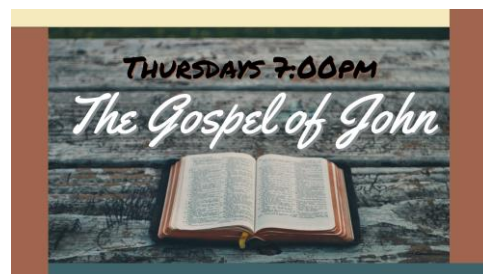
Tuesdays 7:00 PM

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.



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.



ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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Sound Director: Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counters: Jerry & Shirley Batts
Altar Guild: Peggy Djerf

THIS WEEK AT ZION

9/27	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
9/28	Tuesday	1:30 PM	LWML Meeting
		5:15 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Priesthood and Ministry" Bible Study
9/29	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
9/30	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Gospel of John" Bible Study
10/2	Saturday	9:00 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10/3	Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Worship Service with Communion
		9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion
		12:00 PM	LWML Sunday Cake & Ice Cream Reception



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

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