

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly"

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Today is LWML Sunday and we gift thanks for the Gospel message that sends us out to all the world (in person or in our support of missions) and brings Christ's salvation to every nation. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.



David Garcia, organ
Pastor Stephen Heimer

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" v. 1-3 Lutheran Service Book 906

Worshippers are invited to stand and face the processional cross



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

G Amen.

PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 86:5-12

- P** You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.
- C** **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**
- P** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
- C** **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

John 20:22-23

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" v. 4 LSB 906

△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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KYRIE

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

Ezekiel 36:22-27

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you

from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:14–22

¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28–31

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

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

²⁸And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. + And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. + And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" v. 1-3 LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun - gry
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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SERMON

"Hearts for All Nations"

LWML PLEDGE

The women of the Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League are invited now to stand and speak their pledge:

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" v. 1-2 LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Tim 4:22; Col 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He opens the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf and brings healing to all the nations. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His perfect, faithful work of death and resurrection. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful from every nation, language, and people the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- G** 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess:

- ✠ I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- ✠ I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- ✠ I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

✠ **Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.**

Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. A non-alcoholic wine for the sacrament is available upon request when you come forward. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.

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DISTRIBUTION

If you will be receiving the Lord's Supper today, please wait as ushers guide each household forward. You may kneel at the rail or remain standing at the center stand and the pastor will serve you the sacrament in plastic cups. Take those cups with you as you return to your seat, placing them in one of the baskets located at either side of the sanctuary.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- + "Beautiful Savior" LSB 537
- + "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637
- + "What is this Bread" LSB 629
- + "Abide With Me" LSB 878

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord" LSB 164



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have renewed us by the body and blood of Christ. Empower and energize us to serve our neighbors in faith toward You and fervent love toward all people; 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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

Refrain



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



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



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

10/5	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Rio Grande Circuit Pastors Meeting
		5:15 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Priesthood and Ministry" Bible Study
10/6	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
10/7	Thursday	6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Gospel of John" Bible Study
10/9	Saturday	9:00 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10/10	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Celebrant:	Pastor Stephen Heimer
Organist:	David Garcia
Reader:	Martha Sellers
Elder:	Tim Eyerman
Acolyte:	Gabryelle Rodriguez
Camera Operator:	Jaden Heimer
Sound Director:	Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counters:	Jerry & Shirley Batts
Altar Guild:	Peggy Djerf, Brenna Rodriguez

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 Cake & Ice Cream Reception! Today is LWML Sunday!

We will be celebrating LWML with a **Cake and Ice Cream Reception** in the Auditorium after the worship service! **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!



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!



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