Zion Lutheran Church



In the world you will have tribulation.

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

May 22nd, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

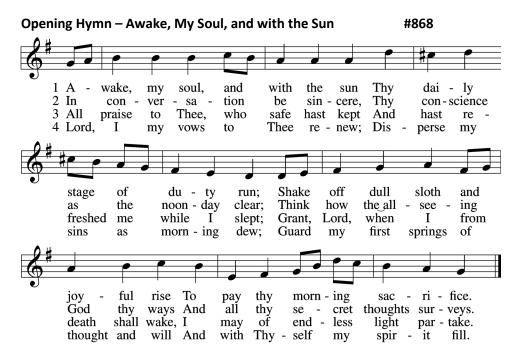
Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.



- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
 All I design or do or say
 That all my pow'rs with all their might
 In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v. 22



- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you; he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.
- My heart is in anguish with- | in me; the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

But I | call to God,

and the LORD will | save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan, and he | hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,

for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

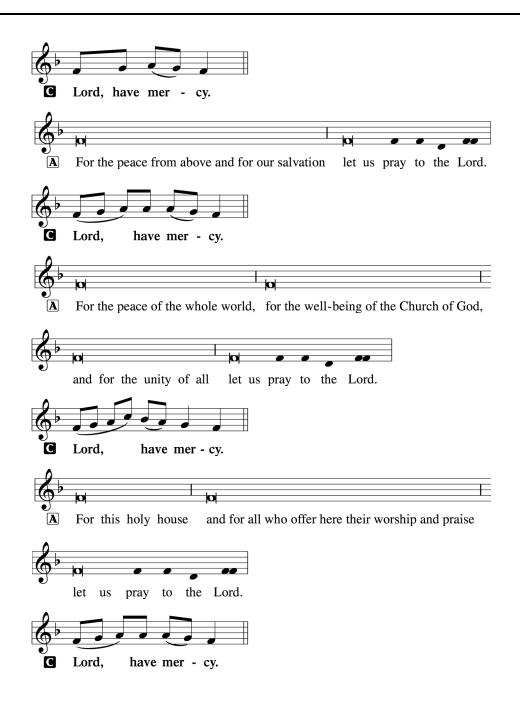
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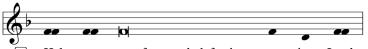
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A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



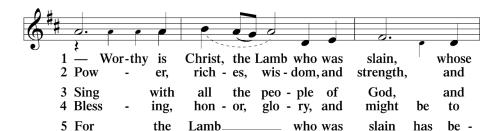


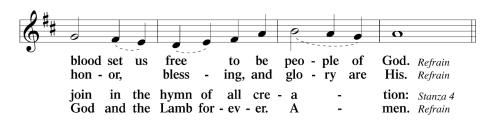
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Final Refrain





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading – Acts 16:9-15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there

was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Grace Bell Choir – *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (8 am) **Choir** – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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

Alleluia and Verse Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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Holy Gospel

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



words of e-ter-nal life.

[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



Hymn of the Day - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

- Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state
 Before the world's foundation,
 And mindful of His mercies great,
 He planned for my salvation.
 He turned to me a father's heart;
 He did not choose the easy part
 But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

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- The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- "Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.

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- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

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Sermon

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.

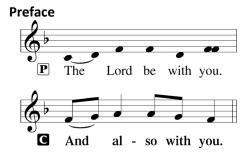
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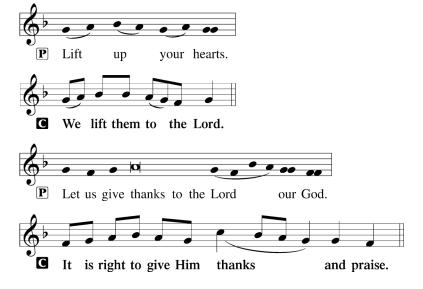
P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.



Service of the Sacrament





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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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 into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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 His 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 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.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.





P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

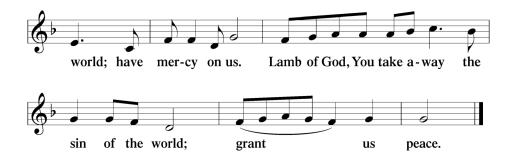








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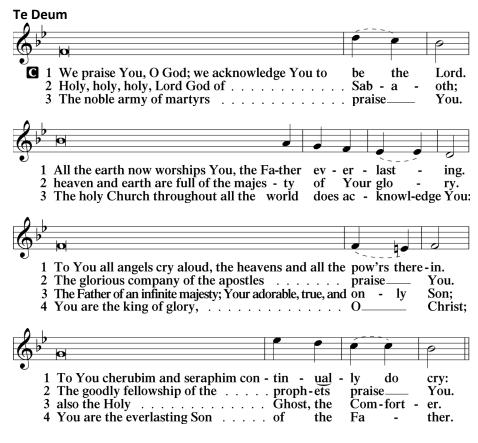
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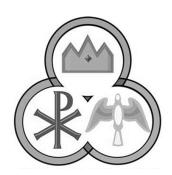
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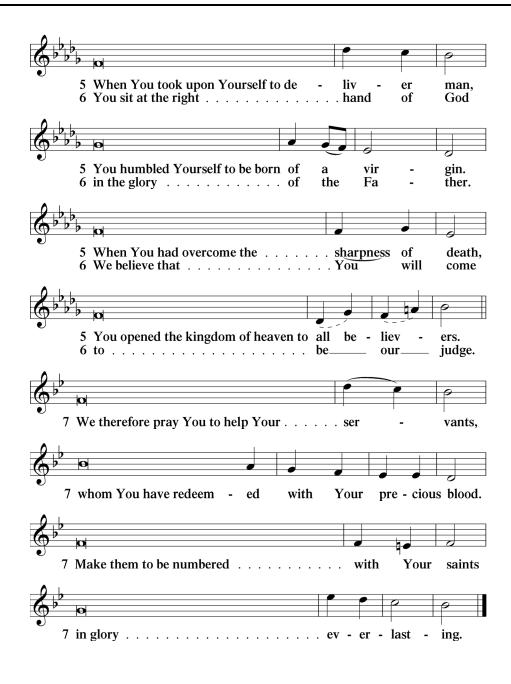
| O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing | #635 |
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| Hear Us, Father, When We Pray | #773 |
| Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | #849 |





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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



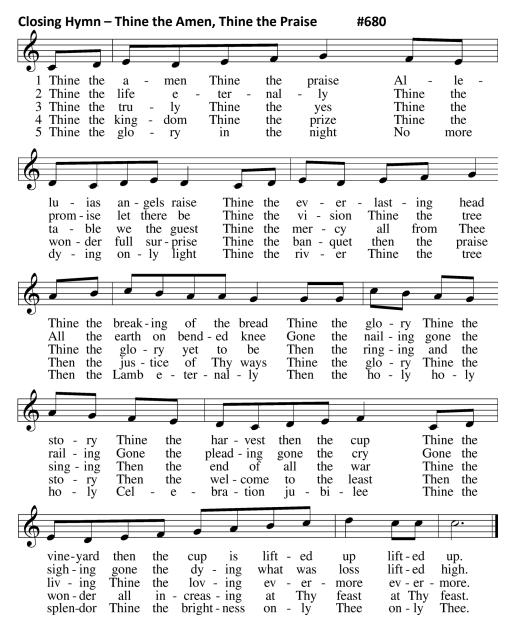
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.
- -Healing for: Tom Carthy, Christopher Buhler, Jacque Oelschlager, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Barb Fisher, Dale Hesse, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Jennifer Meyer, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, Eva Bukovitz, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- -Comfort for: Joan Cisko and family at the passing of Joan's brother David Meyer.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.



The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine.
- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.

† Service Participants **†**

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Lector: Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders: Jim Neill, Bob Schmidt

The Acolyte: Decklan Pasquini (8:00)

Christian Bonacci (10:30)

The Ushers: Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Janet & Larry Zreliak (8:00)

Bob Bonacci, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)

Altar Guild: Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rich Berardelli in loving memory of deceased wife Janice; and by Zion to the Glory of the Triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Sharon Bogdan in memory of grandma Josephine Collura.



WELCOME PASTOR ALEXEY & ELENA STRELTSOV and PASTOR TIMOTHY QUILL! Pastors Streltsov and Quill will be part of our Worship services today. Join us at 9:15 in the fellowship hall where Pastor Streltsov and Elena will discuss the progress being



made in rebuilding the Lutheran church in a land that was dominated by Atheistic communism for generations. Also, learn about the challenges facing Russian Lutherans due to the war in Eastern Europe. Breakfast will be served.



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/15) – 65 (8 am); 66 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Attendance (5/18) – 12 (2 pm); 7 (7 pm) Sunday Plate Offerings (5/15) – \$2843 Online Offering – \$525 Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate

| This Week at Zion | |
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| SUN 5/22 | 8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Siberian Lutheran Miss. Society Presentation & Sunday School 10:15 AM – Brief SS Parent/Student Mtg. in school wing 10:30 AM – Worship |
| MON 5/23 | 6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Faith Bells |
| TUE 5/24 | |
| WED 5/25 | 2:00 PM – Worship & Bible Study 7:00 PM – Worship & Bible Study |
| THU 5/26 | |
| FRI 5/27 | |
| SAT 5/28 | |
| SUN 5/29 | 8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship |
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

TODAY at 10:15 in the preschool wing

Kick-Off Announcement & Prize Reveal for SS Parents & Kids ages 3-15



learn more about the CPH Reads
Program (including the cool prizes for
participants!) and our
Summer Sunday School program.

DONT MISS IT!



TODAY is the LAST DAY to LET US KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED in ATTENDING!

A CHURCH TRIP TO LANCASTER is being planned to experience the new stage production "DAVID" at Sight & Sound Theatre. The trip package includes motorcoach transportation, theater tickets, lodging and meals. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship! Details are available on the event flyers in the Narthex.



Please let the church office know today (email Susie at secretary@zlcb.org) if you would be interested in attending. We need a minimum of 30 people for the trip ... currently 14 people have emailed the office that they are interested. If we don't reach the 30 person minimum, we'll need to cancel the event plans.



This Week in Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for Zion parents & students

BIBLE VERSE

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the Living God. Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—Name as many superheroes as you can. What powers do they have to fight evil? God's Word shows us that Jesus was a real superhero with the power to fight off sin, death, and the devil.
- At Mealtime—Saul was temporarily blinded by a bright light. Find out more about how the Church shares God's message with those who are blind. Share what you learn with one another.
- Something to Do—Using chalk, make a heart and cross shape on the sidewalk. As you do so, remember how Jesus cleanses our hearts by forgiving our sins. He makes us new people, a new creation.
- Before Bed—How was Saul blind before Jesus spoke to him? You were once blind in the same way. What event healed Saul of his blindness? What event healed you of your blindness?





A great big word of love.

A word that you often hear used in the church is the word "redemption" (pronounced ree-DEMP-shun). All of the events in Jesus' life work together to form God's plan of redemption.

What does "redemption" mean?

The word "redemption" is a very important word used to describe what Jesus has done for us.

Redemption comes from the root word

"redeem" which means "to buy back." God's plan of redemption was His plan to buy us back from sin, death and the power of the devil. This all happened

when Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Law perfectly and died on the cross in our place. He payed the high price for sin, and He bought us back! But He didn't stop there. He overcame death for us and rose from the dead to prove it! What a great Redeemer we have!



What our



What our God has done for us in Jesus reflects the Fatherly love He has for all people. As parents, we share this love with our children through the means our Lord has provided: Word and Sacrament. This is where we receive the real fruits of redemption.

