

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

24 September 2023 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

"In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant"

-Micah 4:6-7a

Welcome!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- Please take a Zion coffee mug from the welcome table in the foyer!
- Nursery is provided for children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to connect and serve at Zion. We're glad you're here!

Worship at Zion

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song – Our Great God

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

+ Call to Worship *Psalm 145:1-3*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

+ Come Into His Presence With Singing

Join All The Glorious Names (Trinity Hymnal 301) Jerusalem Draw Us Deeper

Pastoral Prayer

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 the 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic 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.

Preparation for Confession Jonah 3:10-4:4

Leader: When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

All: Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Silent Confession of Sin

+ Declaration of Grace Matthew 20:26-28

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

+ Song of Gratitude

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Trinity Hymnal 508)

Giving Moment

Gloria Patri

In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church, Children are <u>always</u> welcome in the main worship hall. We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: Church on Mission Title: "The Lame Walk" Text: Acts 3:1-10 (*pew Bible p. 911*)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Special music: God is Over All

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord's table today.

+ Hymn of Celebration

To God Be the Glory (Trinity Hymnal 55)

+ Benediction

Postlude

Church on Mission "The Lame Walk" Acts 3:1-10 (pew Bible p. 911) Sermon Notes: 24 September

1 The Gift of Healing

2. The Purpose of Healing

Applications:

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. 3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Questions for Further Study

- What about this description reminds us that this is a miracle?
- What are the purposes of a miracle? What seems to be the primary purpose?
- Compare this scene to the healing in Acts 14:8. How are they similar? How are they different?
- Why is it significant that 'the lame walk'? (see Micah 4:6-7, Zephaniah 3:19-20, Isaiah 35:5-6, Matthew 11:2-6).

Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library** Sundays, 9:45am: **Education Hour** Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Morning Study** (1&2 Peter) Tuesdays, 7:15pm: **Women's Evening Study** (Titus) Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Zion Connection** Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke) Thursdays, 7:00pm: **Women's Evening Study** (Hosea) Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

Christian Heritage Coat Drive: month of September

Bring new or gently used coats for ages 0-18 to the box in the Coffee House and support Christian Heritage's ministry to foster care families and children.

Zion Women's Tea: TODAY

All women are invited to a tea at 3:00pm in the Hearth Room. Munch a tart, meet a friend, engage in lively discussion—hope to see you there!

Juniper Refuge Mini Golf Fundraiser: TODAY

Come to Adventure Golf Center from 4-6pm and play a round of mini golf! Enter a raffle, grab a snow cone, and support this vital ministry to refugees in our community.

RUF Chili Night: September 29

Support Rev. Thomas Kuhn and our Reformed University Fellowship group by serving chili and hanging out at Zion with college students. Contact Pastor Tag at *tag@zionpca.com* for all the details.

Fall Fest: October 8

Join us at Diamond Hill Farm (12670 S 25th St.) for an evening of food, folk music, and fellowship. Walking tacos are on the menu; please bring a side or dessert to share. The fun begins at 5pm—come hang at the Kerns' place and bring a friend!

Zion Missions Rummage Sale: October 12-14

Save the date for our fall rummage sale! More details to come.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

- 8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream & Facebook (@zionpca)
- 9:45: Education Hour for all ages
- 11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to Hearth Room

No Education Hour classes: Oct.15 & Nov.26—Last classes on Dec.10 (*See zionpca.com/classes for more info.*)

Zion Connection: Wednesday Nights

Come and connect with each other on Wednesdays! Dinner is served starting at 6pm, and then from 7-8pm we have a place for all ages, from nursery to adults. This week's menu is **BBQ chicken sandwiches!**

Go to *zionpca.com/connection* for more info or email *connection@zionpca.com* with questions, food allergies, or to serve on a prep/cleanup team.

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Nursery care is available during both services, Education Hour, and during Connection on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at *nursery@zionpca.com*.

How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the **black box on the foyer table. To give online,** use this QR code, go to our website's give page, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



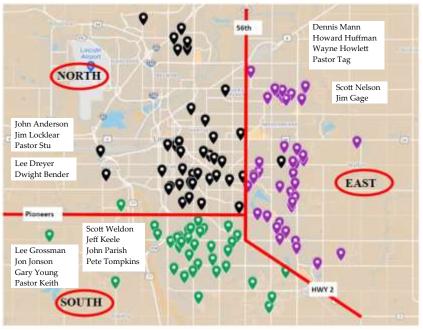
Budget Update for Q2

YTD Giving through July 2023: \$489K YTD Expenses through July 2023: \$511K

Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- North: North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- **South**: South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- East: East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2



Forgive by Tim Keller with Pastor Stu in the **Hearth Room**

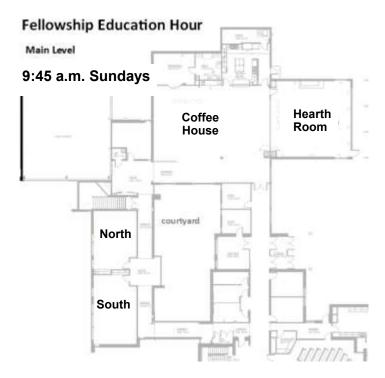
A Sanctuary People: Tabernacle, Temple, and Church with Pastor Keith in the **North Classroom**

Ephesians 1-3—

with Pastor Tag, Jon Papik, & Adam Kauffman in the **South Classroom**

Nursery, Kids, & Youth: lower level

No classes Oct.15 & Nov.26 Last classes on Dec.10





Etching of Butterflies, Wenceslas Hollar, 1646

"O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Ps 104:24

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega & Mac Powell



 Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Chorus

 Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird, Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth, Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe Praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Chorus 2x

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Join All the Glorious Names

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.



Jerusalem

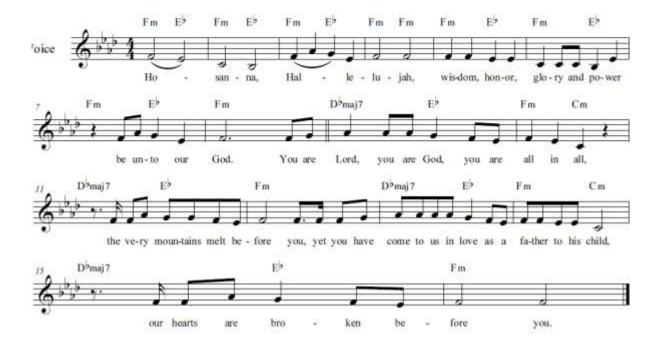
Intro: 2 bars of C (repeated note)



Jerusalem



Draw Us Deeper



Chorus

You do satisfy the yearnings of our restless souls Peace, rest, and joy are found in you You are bread to our hunger, you are wine to our thirst We need no more in life than you

Chorus

Draw us deeper, ever deeper into life with you Please give us hearts to know and love you Hearts that ache for your presence and that long to see your face Hearts that burn with love for you

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

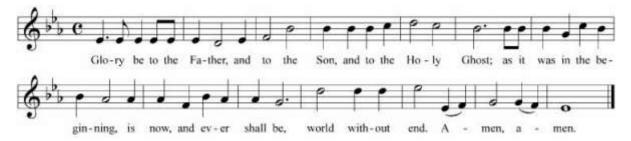
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35



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Gloria Patri



Communion Special Music: God Is Over All by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Colin Buchanan

God, You hold the world in hand Mountains move at Your command Yet my needs You will provide As a father loves his child

Chorus: God is over all God is over all I will sing for it is well My God is over all

God, You saw the sin in me For you reign in majesty Jesus died to make me clean Jesus rose to set me free

God above all time and space You are never far away For in Jesus I can see How you are a friend to me

To God Be the Glory



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Committed to God's Truth

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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