



ZION  
CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE  
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

20 October 2024

*Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity*

There shall be heard again the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD: "Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Jeremiah 33:10-11

## 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 available at the 10:00 education hour.
- ◆ **Children's Church** is available for children ages 3-5 in the 11:00 service. 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** — *All Creatures of Our God and King (Trinity Hymnal 115)*

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** *Psalm 150:1-2*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

*Let the Nations Be Glad*  
*Not What My Hands Have Done*  
*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

## Prayer of Praise

**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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Preparation for Confession** *Psalm 25:16-18*

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

**Silent Confession of Sin**

*Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

**† Declaration of Grace**    *Psalm 103:2-8*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ... The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Song of Gratitude**

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness – Trinity Hymnal 520*

**Giving Moment**

*Doxology*

*In the 11:00 service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church.*

*Children are always 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**

**Title:** "The Bride and Her Shepherd"

**Text:** Psalm 23

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*A Cappella — Sing Alleluia to the Lord*

*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**

By Grace I Am An Heir of Heaven (Trinity Hymnal 695)

**† Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**

**“The Bride and Her Shepherd”**

**Psalm 23**

**Sermon Notes: 20 October 2024**

*Big Idea: Our soul's Good Shepherd provides, protects and pursues as he leads us on paths of righteousness for His renown.*

## Psalm 23

*A Psalm of David.*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*Job 29: <sup>12</sup> ... I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help him. <sup>13</sup> The blessing of him who was about to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. <sup>14</sup> I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. <sup>15</sup> I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. <sup>16</sup> I was a father to the needy, and I searched out the cause of him whom I did not know. <sup>17</sup> I broke the fangs of the unrighteous and made him drop his prey from his teeth.*

## All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD: your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and  
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in  
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy  
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,  
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing  
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing  
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so  
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long  
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,  
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,  
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# Let the Nations Be Glad

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Aaron Boswell

5 B<sup>b</sup>

Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our joy. May re -  
Through the ag - es gone be fore, through the tri - al and the sword, man - y  
As your ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r with the

5 F sus Eb2 B<sup>b</sup>5

demp - tion be the theme of our song. For by grace we have been saved, and by  
saints and mar - tyrs conquered though they died. Still we hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing  
glo - ries of the gospel to pro - claim, now we pray your king - dom come, and we

11 F sus F Eb F sus

grace we shall pro - claim to the cor - ners of the earth that Christ has come. Let the  
o - ceans suf - fering loss, shall en - dure all things to win the crown of life.  
pray your will be done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of your name. *repeat after last verse*

17 Eb B<sup>b</sup> Eb F Gm Eb B<sup>b</sup> F sus

na - tions be glad, let the peo - ples re - joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God.

24 Eb B<sup>b</sup>/D Eb F Gm Eb B<sup>b</sup>

Let the whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be longs to our

31 F sus Eb F B<sup>b</sup>5

God. Let the na - tions be glad!



# Not What My Hands Have Done

C#m A E C#m

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul. Not what my toiling flesh has

4 A B C#m B E B C#m A B

borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers

8 A B A B C#m

and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
 Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
 Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
 Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
 No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do;  
 No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely though.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on Love divine;  
 And with unfailing lip and heart, I call this savior mine.  
 His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
 My unbelief, and all my fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might;  
 He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
 I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!

# Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re-deem-er; there is no more for heav-en now to give.
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my side, the Sa - vior He will stay.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture sure, the price it has been paid,
4. With ev - ery breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that He will bring me home,



He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness, and free-dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace.  
I la-bor on in weak-ness and re - joic - ing, for in my need, his pow-er is dis-played  
For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and he was raised to o - ver-throw the grave.  
And day by day, I know he will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne



To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to his.  
To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de-fend me; through the deep - est val - ley he will lead.  
To this I hold, my sin has been de-feat - ed; Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea.  
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry ev - er - more to him.



Oh, how strange and div - ine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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*Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*  
Rom. 3:24

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty  
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught  
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my  
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less  
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 • man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be  
 mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -  
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 • all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.  
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.  
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

# Sing Aleluia to the Lord

Sing a - le - lu - ia to the Lord

Sing a - le - lu - ia to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Sing a - le - lu - ia to the

Sing a - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Sing a - le - lu - ia, sing a - le - lu - ia, Sing a - le -

lu - ia to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first line of music with the lyrics 'Sing a - le - lu - ia to the Lord'. The second staff contains the second line of music with the lyrics 'Sing a - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia'. The third staff contains the third line of music with the lyrics 'lu - ia to the Lord'. There are several measures with a blank line underneath, indicating a continuation of the melody.

2. Sing of his mercy and his love ...
3. Jesus is King and Lord of all ...
4. He's coming back to take us home ...

## By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

*That, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7*

1. By grace I am an heir of heav - en: why doubt this,  
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it that bliss - ful  
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber when sore - ly  
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort; de - spite my

O my trem - bling heart? If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly  
 home be - yond the skies. Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate  
 by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,  
 fears, 'tis well with me. I know my sin in all its great - ness,

is true and firm in ev - 'ry part, this al - so must be  
 has won for me the heav'n - ly prize. Sal - va - tion by his  
 when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest; what rea - son can - not  
 but al - so him who sets me free. My heart to naught but

truth di - vine: by grace a crown of life is mine.  
 death he wrought, his grace a - lone my par - don bought.  
 com - pre - hend, God does to you by grace ex - tend.  
 joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.

**Weekly Ways to Connect: [zionpca.com/groups](http://zionpca.com/groups)**

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library**

Sundays, 10:00am: **Education Hour**

Mondays, 9:30am: **Women's Bible Study** (Ezra-Nehemiah)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Connection Meal for All;**

7:00pm: Classes and electives at 7:00pm

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke)

Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution** (*come and help!*)

**Fall Fest TONIGHT**

Join the fun tonight at the Kment's farm, 681 C Road, Palmyra Nebraska: hayrides, walking tacos, and games. Bring a side or dessert if you want. Help come and set up from 4:30. Call Jamie Kment with questions 402.450.3902.

**Moms With Littles: Thursday Morning**

Come this Thursday for a time of conversation and coffee with your Littles in the Nursery; 10:00a.m to noon. Future dates: Novmeber 21 and Decemer 19. Contact Michelle Weldon or Bethany Johnson for more information.

**Connection Wednesday: Bring a Side or Dessert**

Wednesday night this week, the 6:00 meal is fried chicken. Please come, bring the family, enjoy the meal, and, if you can, bring a side or dessert to add to the table.

THANKS!

**November Ballot Amendments**

Next Sunday, October 27, there will be a brief informational meeting in the worship hall at 9:35, following the early service. The November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot has some proposed amendments to the Nebraska State Constitution that need well-informed voters. The meeting will dismiss in time for regular classes in the Education hour.

**Baby Bottle Campaign**

We are partnering with the Pregnancy Center of Lincoln to provide funds through their Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are in the coffee house. Please take one per household, fill them with coins, cash, and checks, and bring them back at the end of this month. Every amount helps! For more about the Pregnancy Center and their ministry, see Ann Bender. ([bender.ann8@gmail.com](mailto:bender.ann8@gmail.com)).

### **Sunday Mornings: [zionpca.com/visit](http://zionpca.com/visit)**

8:30, 11:00 Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall. Streaming to [zionpca.com/livestream](http://zionpca.com/livestream), Facebook (@zionpca), and Youtube @ZionPCA  
10:00 Education Hour with classes for all ages.

### **Calling all singers!**

Please join us for a seasonal Christmas Choir. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at 7pm during November and December. Contact Anne Ramsey for more information: [anneramsey1@gmail.com](mailto:anneramsey1@gmail.com) or 402.890.6076.

### **Hurricane Relief**

The PCA coordinates responses to relief needs through the Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response fund. The Deacons have sent them an initial contribution from the Zion Mercy Fund, and may send another in view of the second hurricane. Individuals may also give through the MNA website: [pcamna.org/ministry/mna-disaster-response/](http://pcamna.org/ministry/mna-disaster-response/).

### **Nursery: [zionpca.com/nursery](http://zionpca.com/nursery)**

Nursery care is available during the worship service and the Education Hour. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at [nursery@zionpca.com](mailto:nursery@zionpca.com).

### **How to Give at Zion: [zionpca.com/give](http://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 [zionpca.com/give](http://zionpca.com/give), or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



### **Year-to-Date**

General Fund Giving: \$493K  
General Fund Expenses: \$451K

## 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](http://zionpca.com/beliefs)*

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| Kyle Lindgren                   | Youth Director               |
| Nicole Houfek                   | Children's Ministry Director |
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| Anne Ramsey and Teresa Ghormley | Chief Musicians              |
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