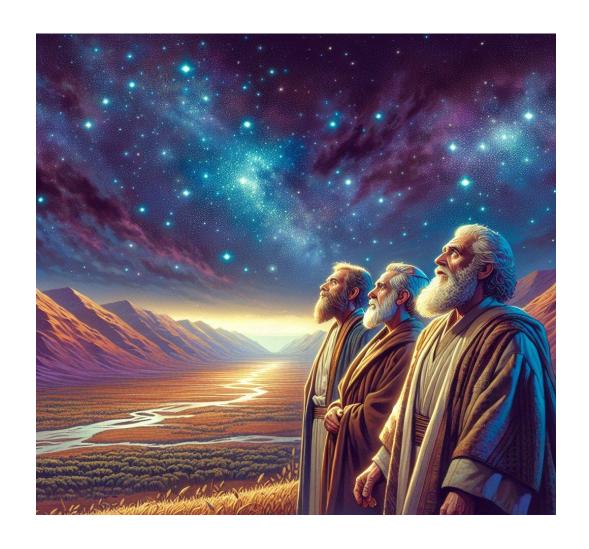
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God is Serious About His Word

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 1 & 5, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: We have a patient God, and we are saved because of it. Moses pleaded for the Lord's patience when the Israelites broke the covenant. Paul illustrates God's patience with each individual. Christ points out that there is rejoicing in heaven over every soul that repents.

In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord (Adventthe Festival of Pentecost); but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word.

Liturgy: Common Service

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES — We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS – Bathrooms are located in the East foyer and in the school hallway off the west foyer. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

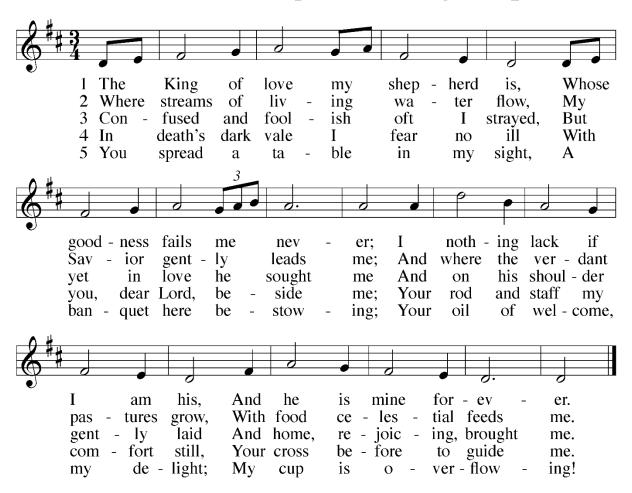
HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

Opening Hymn: CW 375

REDEEMER

375 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never. Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

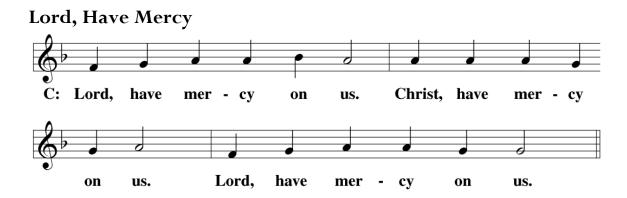
Tune: St. Columba (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

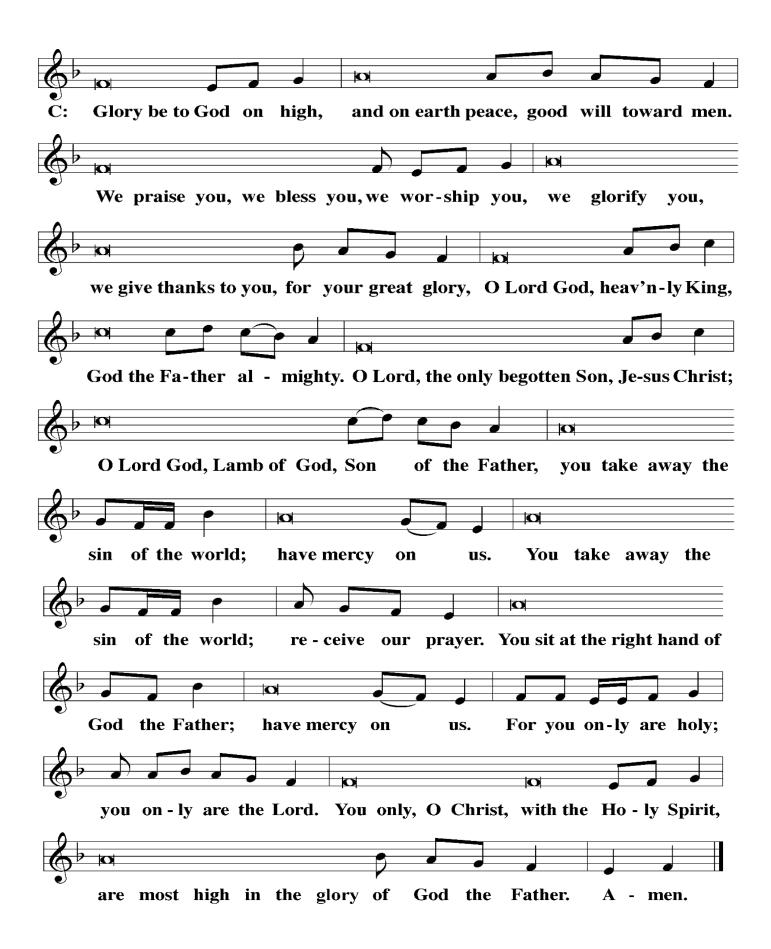


P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD spoke to Moses: "Hurry down, because your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves! 8 They have quickly turned from the way which I commanded them. They have made a calf for themselves out of metal and have worshipped it. They have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt." The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen these people, and they certainly are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ So now leave me alone, so that my anger can burn hot against them, so that I may consume them and make you into a great nation." ¹¹ Moses begged the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your anger burn against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'He brought them out for an evil purpose, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn back from your fierce anger and change your mind about inflicting disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self. You said to them, 'I will multiply your seed like the stars of the sky, and I will give all this land that I have spoken about to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever." 14 Then the LORD changed his mind about the disaster which he said he would inflict on his people. (EHV)

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Have mercy on <u>me</u>, O God,* according to your un<u>fail</u>ing love.

Wash away all my in<u>iq</u>uity,* and cleanse me <u>from</u> my sin.

For I know my transgressions,* and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, <u>have</u> I sinned* and done what is evil <u>in</u> your sight.

Surely I was sin<u>ful</u> at birth,* sinful from the time my mother con<u>ceived</u> me.

Hide your face <u>from</u> my sins,* and blot out all my in<u>iq</u>uity.

Restore to me the joy of your sal<u>va</u>tion,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus<u>tain</u> me.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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¹² I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. ¹³ He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (EHV)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL



Luke 15:1-10

15 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ He told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' ⁷I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. ⁸ "Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (EHV)



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: CW 388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

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Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

Sermon Text and Theme: Exodus 32:7-14

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OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

Prayers

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



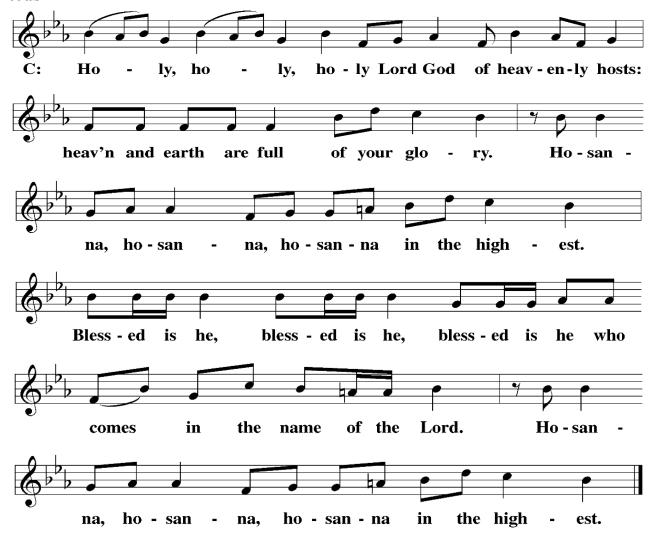
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

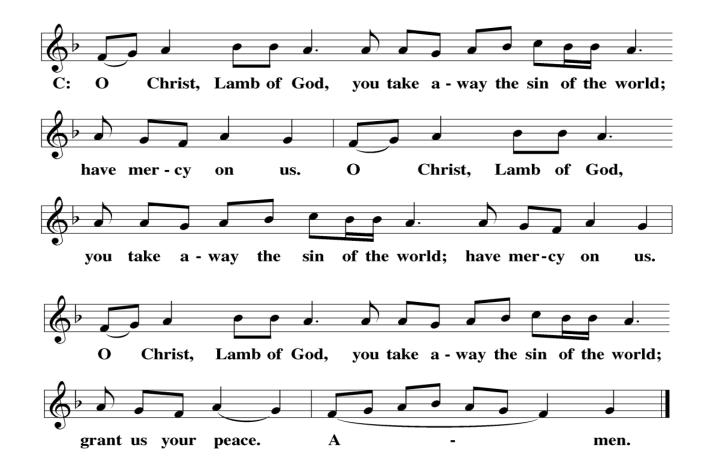
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 385 CW 304*

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
"Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

385

Chief of Sinners Though I Be



Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

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Jesus Sinners Does Receive



- 6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

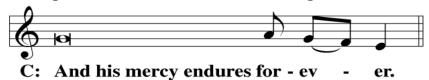
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

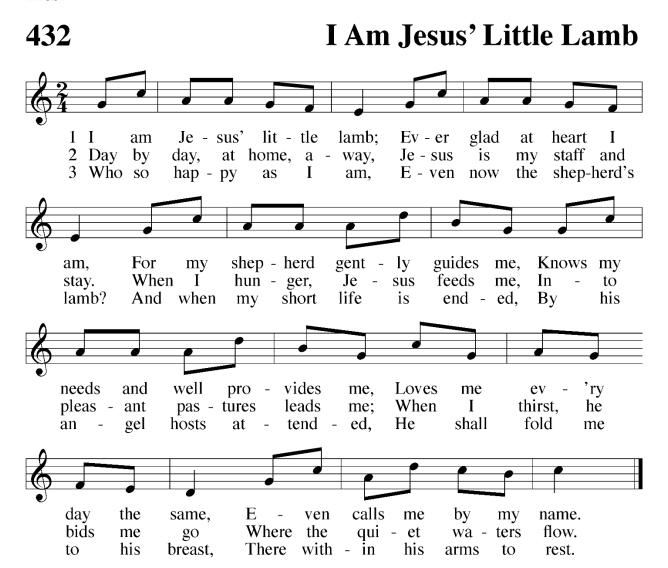
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and $(\mathbf{\hat{r}})$ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 432

TRUST



Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

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CALL MEETING—Pastor Daniel Olson has returned the call. Please keep Zion and St. Paul's in your prayers as we move forward. Details on the next call meeting will be announced soon.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Get to know God through His Word. Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Mother's room. We are finishing the book of James within the next few weeks and will go into Philippians next.

Mum Sale: Thank you to everyone who ordered mums this year. We were able to make a little over \$3,000 to help the school. Thank you very much for volunteers who helped with the delivery and distribution of the over 690 mums. Thank you again for all the support to the school.

ARTS AND CRAFT VENDER SHOW: Zion CEA will be holding an Arts and Crafts Vendor Show on Saturday, October 11th. Any member interested in renting booth space to sell should check the back table for information and a sign-up sheet, or reach out to Stacey Sordahl (248) 345-3525; ssordahl@zionmonroe.org. Along with sellers we are looking for volunteers to help with entertainment, parking, run the Zion information booth and mark the field for vendor space. Feel free to take flyers promoting this event to spread the word to potential shoppers! This is a great opportunity for outreach into the community. Hope to see you there!

OKTOBERFEST POT-LUCK: Zion is going to have an Octoberfest pot-luck on Sunday, October 12th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite fall or Oktoberfest dish to share with everyone. Service and Fellowship will be supplying the Polish Sausage and Kraut. There will also be plain hot dogs for the kids. There is a sign-up sheet in the West foyer so we can plan how much food we need to prepare for the Sausage and Kraut. When you sign-up please list what dish you are planning on bringing so everyone can see the wonderful foods they can try. We look forward to seeing everyone one there.

PLAYGROUND MULCH: On **Saturday, October 18th** we are going to be spreading mulch on the playgrounds and around the church property. Many hands make fast work so please try to come join us at 9:00 a.m. to get the work done quickly.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Christian Book Study – Friends in Faith is hosting another book study on Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m. "Tough Questions – Reasoned Answers" Additional information is on the back table if you are interested in joining the book discussion.

ZION'S HARVEST PARTY: This year the Harvest Party will be on Friday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a cake walk, face painting, pizza, pie baking contest and many more activities and games.

MEAL TRAIN: Zion's Meal Train

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?"

The answer is usually to help them with a meal.

Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train". The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We have organized an opportunity to donate meals for situations including surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. We utilize the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please contact Melissa Freiny with any questions at 734-652-1638.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: Extra garden produce? What can you do so it doesn't go bad? We have a solution — SHARE. You can bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There is a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Wed.-Fri. No School – Teacher Conference

Office will be open 8-noon

Saturday Zion's Arts and Craft Fair

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Octoberfest Pot-luck

October Volunteers

	Oct. 1 & 5	Oct. 8 & 12	Oct. 15 & 19	Oct. 22 & 26	Oct. 29 & Nov. 2
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman	& Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream Helpers	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl
Ushers	Oct. 1 Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling Oct. 5 Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling	Oct. 8 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Oct. 12 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Oct. 15 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz Oct. 19 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	Oct. 22 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Oct. 26 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Oct. 29 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier Nov. 2 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	Oct. 1 Jeremy Robinson Oct. 5 Jake Burke Jeff Heusman		Oct. 15 Mark Kipf Oct. 19 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		Oct. 29 Ken Vagt Nov. 2 Mark Kipf Rob Krueger