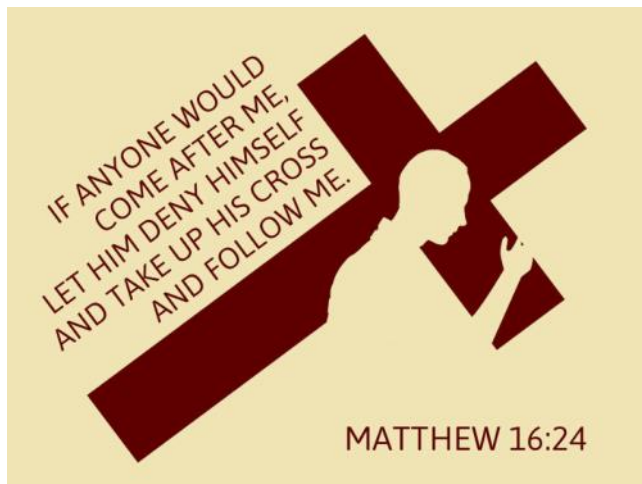


# Zion Lutheran Church



September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## [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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 -- [zlc.org](http://zlc.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 (1 Cor. 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 or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn -- Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star #872



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -  
 2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on  
 3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in  
 4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy  
 5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far  
 bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new  
 us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy  
 next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie  
 glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.  
 Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;  
 At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.  
 May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,  
 To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.  
 Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.  
 Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.  
 And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.  
 Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

Text and tune: Public domain

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4



**P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**C** Commit your way | to the LORD;  
trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,  
and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;  
fret not over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

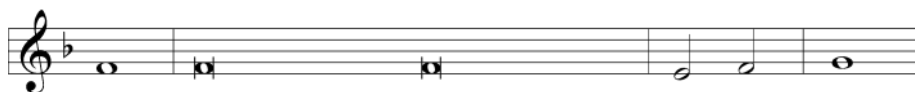


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



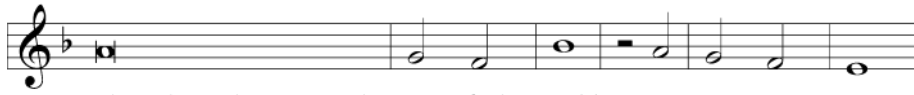
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



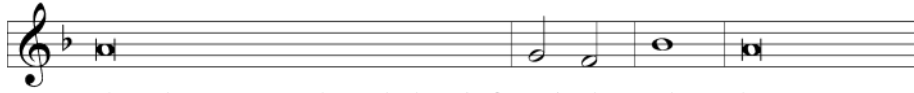
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir-it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A-men.

## Old Testament Reading -- Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?  
Therefore thus says the LORD:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading -- Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."





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.

Hymn of the Day -- Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus #531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

## Sermon

## Offertory



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Gathering of Offerings

*Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** ... Lord have mercy.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



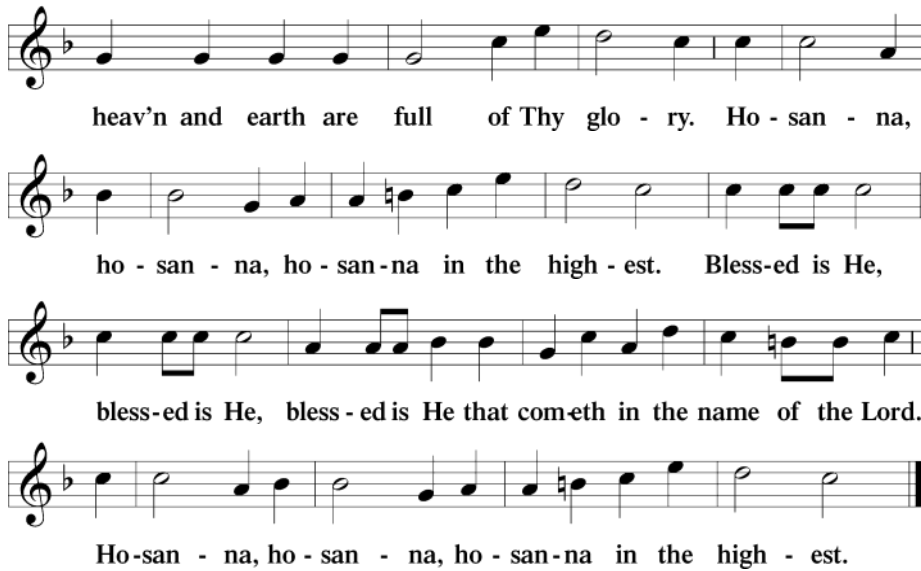
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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 Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



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



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

### Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Lead Thou On	#718
O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace	#693
O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing	#635

### Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn -- Christ Be My Leader

#861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Florence Boehme, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing & Strength for:** Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Garry Healy (nephew of Janet Zreliak), Jim Neill, Tim & Kami Fitzgerald, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jim and Lisa Kress, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**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 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*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Sandy Quinlan
<b>Elders:</b>	Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger (8:00) Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Elder (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00) Bob & Christian Bonacci, Aaron & Mike Kozak (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in celebration of their grandson's 15th birthday; and by Paul & Nancy Klemash in celebration of Andrew's birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Charles & Kathy Kacvinsky in memory of Harold Markel.



**RALLY DAY** is Sun., Sept. 17 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. A new school year is beginning, and it's the perfect time for families to Rally back to a great Sunday routine centered on the study of God's Word! Weekly Sunday school classes are for kids in Pre-K -- 6th grade. Teens (7th gr. & up) and adults, meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study. Rally Day is also "move-up" day for some of our SS students advancing to the next class level .

**LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED** in a fun group? Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Join us Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 for choir rehearsal! We are flexible and can work around busy schedules. See Mark Killinger if you are interested; or contact him at 412-874-5976, [killingerued@hotmail.com](mailto:killingerued@hotmail.com)



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/27) -- 49 (8 am); 57 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (8/30) -- 11

Plate Offerings (8/27) -- \$1548    Online Offering -- \$16,255



## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>9/3</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Summer SS 10:30 AM -- Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>9/4</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Year Confirmation 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Year Confirmation
<b>TUE</b> <b>9/5</b>	6:30 PM -- Grace Bell Choir 7:30 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>9/6</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Worship/Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>9/7</b>	7:00 PM -- Elders' Mtg.
<b>FRI</b> <b>9/8</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>9/9</b>	5:00 PM -- Anniversary banquet @ Valley Brook CC
<b>SUN</b> <b>9/10</b>	10:00 AM -- 125th Anniversary Worship Service 11:30 AM -- Carnival @ Picnic Pavilion -- Sign up in Narthex!





## Anniversary Celebration Weekend

*Next Saturday & Sunday - Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-9:00 pm** -- Formal dinner banquet at Valley Brook Country Club. Enjoy great food, fellowship and entertainment



**Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am** -- Special Anniversary Worship Service with Rev. John Pingel, President of the Eastern District of the LCMS, as our guest preacher. There will be one combined service on this Sunday with no Bible Study or Sunday School.

**Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am until 4:00 pm** -- Carnival on the church lawn. Join us for Food, Fellowship and Fun! There will be games for kids and adults as well as lots of fun things for everyone to enjoy. **There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.** We are looking forward to a wonderful day of fellowship. We are asking everyone to please bring a dessert to share.





*Interested in becoming a member?*

Pastor Grimenstein will be starting an Adult Confirmation Class on **Thurs., Sept. 14th at 6:00** for those interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith who are considering church membership. The class is also open to current members interested in a "refresher" on the basics of the faith. The class will meet every Thursday from 6:00-6:45 for six weeks and will cover topics ranging from Baptism to the Ten Commandments.

Participants interested in becoming members will be received on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29th!

Please email Zion secretary Susie Bishop [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) to let her know you're interested in joining the class.

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is the “pulpit”?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word “pulpit” comes from the Latin word “pulpitum,” meaning “scaffold.” Do you know what a scaffold is?

A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

## Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God’s pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that pastor is about to preach God’s Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!

