



Welcome to Worship!

"Information for guests & visitors, including our beliefs and procedures for Holy Communion as a congregation of the LCMS, can be found on the cards in the back of each pew. If you have any questions please reach out to our pastors or the church office using the contact information found on the last page of this newsletter. Blessings on your time in worship!"

As We Gather...

When the shadow of a bird in flight comes near to us, we don't help the bird fly, but we do indeed marvel at how effortless it seems. God in the Old Testament Reading uses the wings of an eagle to teach the Israelites how He rescued them from Egypt. Of what greater magnitude it was for Jesus, crucified and buried with our sins! And He rescued us without our lifting a finger! Now, in the Gospel, He sends us out with that Good News to all who will listen that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). Again, most assuredly, we have done nothing, yet "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Week at a Glance

Saturday, June 13

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, June 14

- 8:30am: Worship
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Monday, June 15

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley-
Pastor Wolfgram
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Thursday, June 18

- 9:am-3pm: Quilting

Friday, June 19

- 9am-Noon: Quilting
- 5:00pm: Fleck/Grant Rehearsal

Saturday, June 20

- 3:00pm: Fleck/Grant Wedding
- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, May 21

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40am: Bible Study
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 7:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

UPCOMING Events



Sunday, June 14

9:40am

Pastor Otto will lead Bible Class in lower level.



Wednesday, June 17

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Wolfgram



Thursday, June 18

Friday, June 19

Zion Quilters

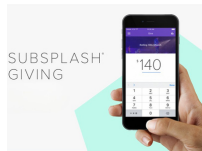


Date change:

The Board of Lay Ministry will meet Sunday, June 21st at 7pm.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the recognition luncheon for Pastor Marcis' 40 Years of Ministry celebration.

Zion is updating its online giving platform. Zion will now be using *Subsplash*. If you are presently using Vanco for your online giving there are handouts on the table in the back of the sanctuary on how to make the change, if you have any issues please contact the church office. Zion's new app is now available in your app store. Download it on your phone today to stay up to date with everything happening at Zion!



ACOLYTES



Sunday, June 14

8:30: Wyatt Kummer

10:45: Morgan Mehrer

Sunday, June 21

8:30: Alijah Schiermeister

10:45: David Orgaard

Today's Sermon

"Commission from the Middle to the Middle"

Why did Jesus heal? Why did He teach? Why did He bother to spend time with sinners and the downtrodden? In our Gospel reading from Matthew today, it is made clear that Jesus did all of this because He had compassion on the people in front of Him. He was moved in His inner being, deep within the middle of His heart, to care for the people whom the Father had sent to Him. Having this great gut feeling to show mercy to the people, He laments that the harvest fields of God's kingdom are ready and waiting but there's not enough time and manpower to get it all done. So what does He do? He commissions His 12 disciples and sends them out into the middle. He sends them into the middle of angry crowds, hurting and broken people, those feeling lost from among the people of Israel. And while the disciples are in the middle, they proclaim, heal, and restore the harassed and helpless among them just like Jesus had done before. Jesus continues to work this way even today, as He has compassion on us out of his great love, and sends us into the middle of our community that we might share His love with others.

Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus "had compassion"?
2. What are sheep without a shepherd like?
3. How are you like the twelve disciples Jesus sent out to Israel?

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Choose: "About Us", then "Ministries"

Scroll down to: "Living the Faith" podcasts, Click on: "Learn More", choose either the Video Podcasts or Podcasts, then select the one you would like to see or hear.

Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class will meet in the lower level beginning at 9:40am.

