

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Title: Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Artist: Francesco Hayez. Date: 1867.*

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia. (Luke 21:28)*

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

Please silence your cell phone.

PRELUDE

**'Rejoice, the Lord Is King'**  
**Zion Ringers**

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME

*Invited by the minister, we turn to face the baptismal font.*

*We make the sign of the cross, ✠ the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

We confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God the Faithful One loves you,  
✠ in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are set free. **Amen.**

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## GLORY BE TO GOD



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en peace, good-will to all the earth.
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your pro - mise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

A reading from Malachi, the 4th chapter.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from 2nd Thessalonians, the 3rd chapter.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We rise in body and spirit as we are able.*

### GOSPEL READING

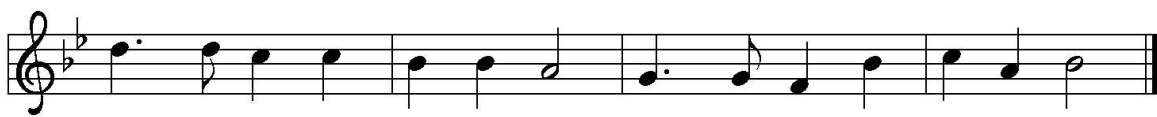
**Luke 21:5-19**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON**

**REFLECTION SONG**

*We rise in body and spirit as we are able.*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

With the whole church, we confess our faith: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  $\text{†}$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

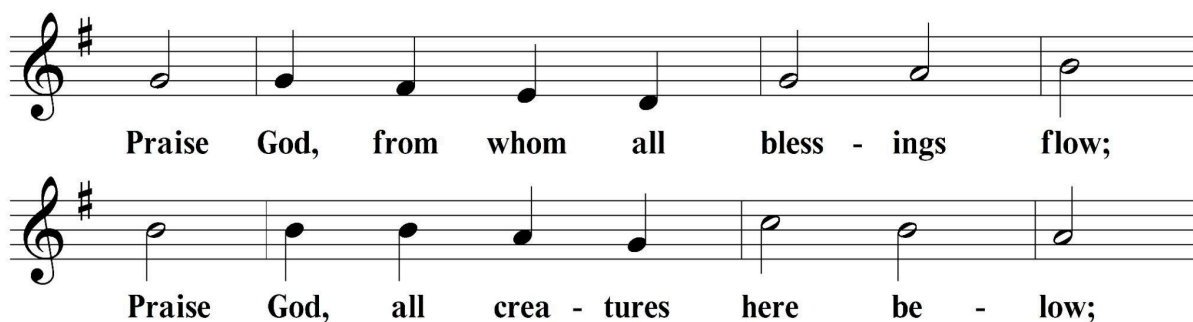
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes with the following:*  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

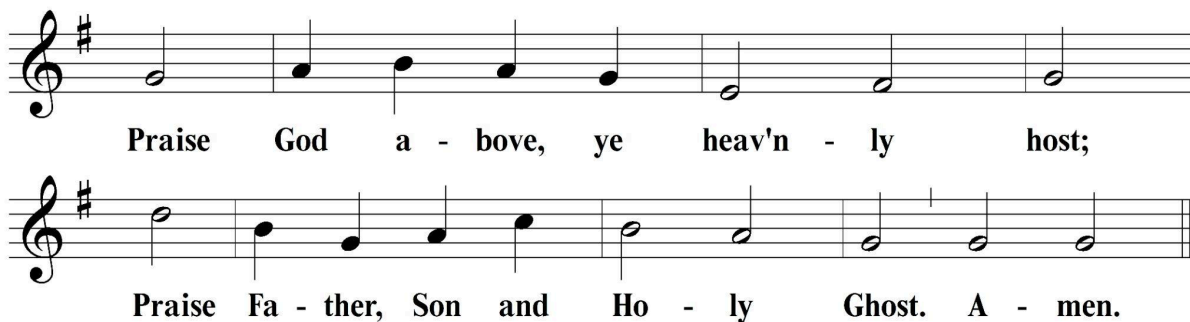
**PEACE AND OFFERING**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*As you greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, saying, “Peace be with you,” we thank you for joining us in sharing God’s love. You can share your gift either by scanning the QR code provided, giving online at [zionbickory.org](http://zionbickory.org), or placing your offering in the offering plate as you leave worship.*

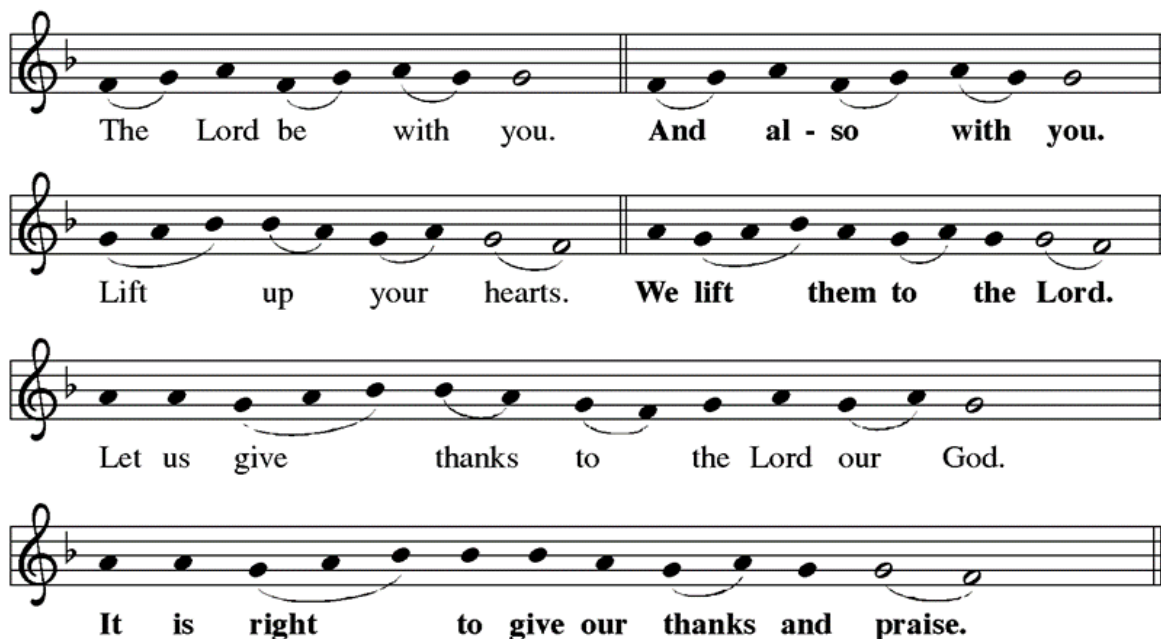






We pray: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

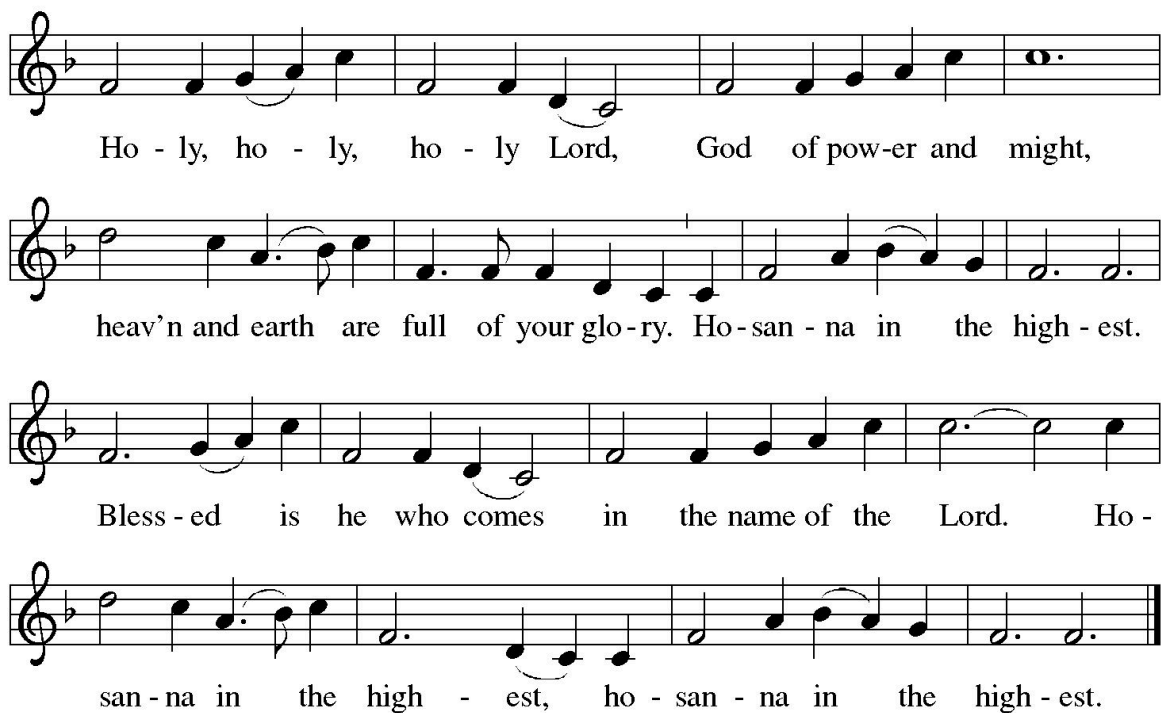
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY/SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was [handed over], our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us, saying: **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, taste eternal life. **Thanks be to God!**



## LAMB OF GOD/AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Be seated. All are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table. For good order, musicians will commune first.  
Ushers will invite you to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the rail.  
After communing, you may remain at the rail for private prayer or return to your seat.*

## COMMUNION SONG

**'Lord, Be Glorified'**  
**Zion Ringers**

**arr. Derek K. Hakes**

*We rise in body and spirit as we are able.*

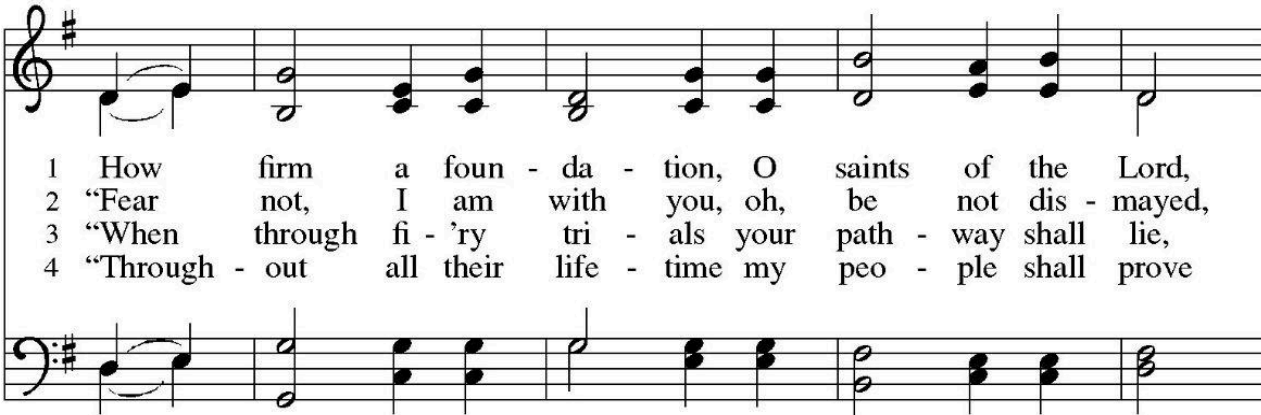
## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, **you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

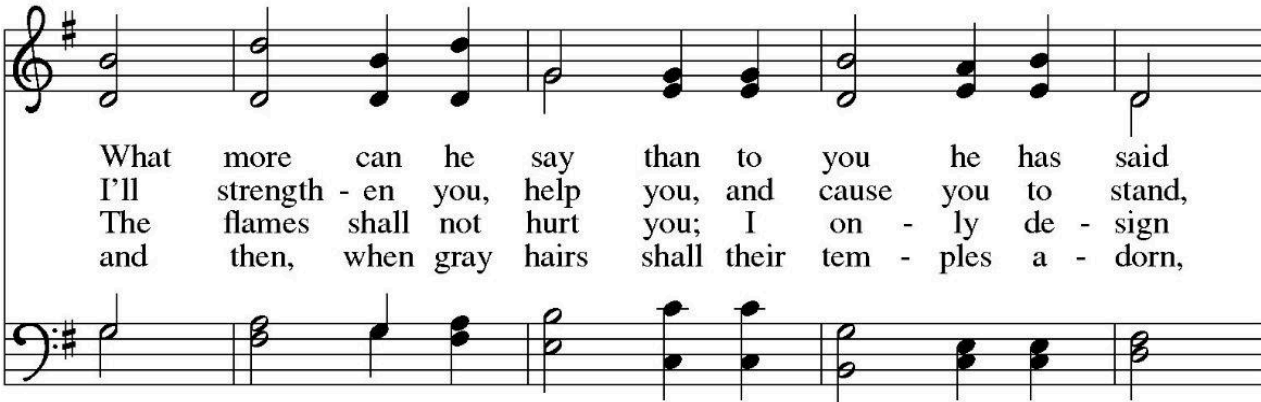
The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**We will. Thanks be to God.**

## PARTICIPANTS

*If anyone is interested in reading scriptures, please contact the Church Office.*

Senior Pastor.....The Rev. David T. Drysdale II  
Guest Musician.....Rev. Rhonda Smith  
Handbell Choir Director.....Elaine Vaughn  
Assisting Minister.....Jackson Wright  
Children's Message.....Lee Kanipe  
Altar Guild.....Kay Bolick, Pam Lail  
Ushers.....Wayne Vaughn, Milton Wrike, Alan Mull  
Tellers.....Lee Kanipe, Todd Jarrett, Curtis Schultz

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please pray for those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:  
(Names in BOLD have been added or updated this week.)*

**Zion Members...** Joey & Jennifer Brown, Jack Cooke, Elsie Eudy, Randy Hefner, Ron & Sandra Herman, Ruth Ann Hollar, Kim Hollars, Maxine Huffman, Amy Jarrett, Janice Jeffreys, Gary Kanipe, Leigh Ann Lackey, Mike McRee, Kenny Mull, Kenny Lee Mull Family, Patrick Mull, Barron & Lois Whitener, Matthew Whitener, Stephen Whitener, Martha Wrike, Rosie Yoder.

**Homebound...** Bill Hefner, Mary Jo Hilton, Gary & Hippie Johnson, Nellie Lutz, Violet Michael, Barbara Scronce, Janey Whitener, Dottie Yoder, Jerry Yoder.

**Friends of Zion...** Gary Abernethy, Ann Arney, Michelle Barger, Davey Beard, Jeff Beck, Charlie Boger, Sue Bolick, Easton Case, Patty Cook, Ruth Cook, Ulrike Cox, Bryant Early, Cindy Elder, Kathy Freeman, Alice Greer and Family, Sandra & Stamey Hardin, Sandra & Don Hefner, Pastor Betty Helms, Tim Hewitt, Myrtle Hilton, Alice Huffman, David Icenhour, Alma Jacobs, Gary Jarvis, Anaisha Jaykumar, Patsy Kanagy, John Keck, Alice Keenan, Caroline Keller, Toni Kenerly, Savannah Klein, Joyce Ladnier, Kay-Kay Ladnier, Jay Lamb, **John Lentz**, Dale Love, Sophia Marlowe, Teresa Mays, Jim & Anne Rhyne McCoy, Frances McCracken, Mario Molina, Terry Mooneyham, Chris Mundy, Randy Neill, Sharon Oxford, Meghan Paris, David Pruett, Fred Prince, Wayne Reed, Lacey Reeves, Dr. J. David & Jena Rhyne, Rusty Rhyne, Bryson Romero, Betty Shook, Gina Sigmon, Troy Stallings, Pat Stilwell, Andy Tomah, Michelle Whitener, Gary Wood.

**Featured Homebound Member...** Please encourage this special member with a card or note this week: **Bill Hefner, Brookdale Falling Creek Rm. 801, 910 29th Ave. NE, Hickory, NC 28601.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Land Christians...** We are pleased to welcome **Feda Hannon**, a volunteer from Bethlehem, to our service this morning. Feda will share information about **the Holy Land Ministry** and has set up a beautiful display of handcrafted olive wood religious items in the Narthex. Available for purchase are Nativity sets, crosses, ornaments, candle holders, angels, and other meaningful gifts—all handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who depend on this work for their livelihood.

**Scouting for Food...** Cub Scout Troop 238 is once again taking part in Scouting for Food, a national program that collects nonperishable food donations to help local families in need. We are asking Zion members to support our Cub Scouts by donating canned and nonperishable food items between **now through November 20**. A collection container is in the Narthex.

**Youth Sunday School...** Exciting news! A new Youth Sunday School class has begun and meets every other Sunday right after worship in the Orange Room downstairs. Come hang out, grow in faith, and have fun with friends! Upcoming dates: **Nov. 16 & 30** and **Dec. 14 & 28**. See you there!

**Meals on Wheels Christmas Gift Bags...** Help us bring holiday joy to meal recipients **AND** Zion's homebound members! The MOW ministry team will assemble gift bags for each person, and we need your help to make it possible. **Please consider contributing funds** to support this meaningful project and help us bring Christmas joy to our homebound seniors. Monetary donations can be made by pew envelope (designate "MOW Gift Bags"), online at **zionhickory.org** ("Giving" → "Meals on Wheels Gift Bags"), by mail, or given to Marc Ladnier or Elaine Heintz. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, November 30**.

**Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army...** Zion will once again support the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign by ringing the bell at the Valley Hills Mall (*Penney's upper level entrance*) on **Tuesday, December 2nd**, from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to cover **30-minute time slots** throughout the day. This is a wonderful way to spread Christmas cheer while helping those in need in our community. **A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.** Bring a friend or family member and join in this meaningful holiday tradition!

**Christmas Caroling & Dinner - Sunday, December 7th...** Spread holiday cheer by joining us **at 2:00 p.m.** for caroling to Zion's homebound and senior members, then enjoy a warm **soup and sandwich dinner** in the Parish Center. All ages are welcome! RSVP for the meal at **zionhickory.org** or scan the QR code. **Dinner is open to ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS**, even if you don't go caroling!



**Christmas Concert...** Members of Zion are invited to a special Christmas Concert—featuring singers from: Mt. Zion Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran ELCA, St. Luke's Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, and the Catawba Valley Community Chorus—**Sunday, December 7th, at 4:00 p.m.** at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 4420 County Home Rd., Conover. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received for Ashure Ministries and The Hickory Soup Kitchen.

