

## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!**

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*Rooted in Faith   \*   Growing in Spirit   \*   Reaching Out to Those in Need*

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**October 15, 2017      Blessing Our Bibles Sunday      10:45 am**

### **GATHERING SONGS**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(please stand)*

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God, source of all life,  
**we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

Your sins are forgiven.

God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as the people of God,

who always makes us new.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SONG OF PRAISE      "More Love, More Power"**

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will worship You with all of my heart.

And I will worship You with all of my mind.

And I will worship You with all of my strength;

You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart.

And I will seek Your face with all of my mind.

And I will seek Your face with all of my strength;

You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, you have caused your Word to be written for our nourishment and to give us hope. Help us to hear it, study it, and receive it with joy, so that we can always hold fast to your promises and the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*



**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 resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)***

### **OFFERING**

*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.*

### **OFFERING SONG**

#### **"I Will Call Upon The Lord"**

I will call upon the Lord  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
I will call upon the Lord.  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
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And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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### **OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)***

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **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 *(please be seated)***

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.  
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Masyn & Kaelyn Schutter**

#### **BLESSING & PRAYER *(please stand)***

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

#### **BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen**

**SENDING SONG      “Love the Lord”**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
With all your mind, with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind,  
And with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.

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With all my heart, with all my soul,  
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With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
With all my strength.

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With all my soul, with all my mind,  
With all my strength.

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP:**

Preaching: Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Presiding: Pastor Marcia Sylvester

Deacon: Phyllis Gab  
Monica Tietz

Lector: Georgia Ramos

Acolyte: Nickolas Clemens

Power Point: Morgan Berryman

Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Sharon Guthmiller  
Cyndi Schauer

Sound System: Mike Brumbaugh

Van Driver: Loren Vilhauer

Counters: Gene\Jan Reich

Gladys Melcher – Elsie Geffre

Coffee Hosts: Table of Plenty

Ushers: Doug\Ronda Smith

Praise Band: Vicki Carlson, Justin Desens,  
Mike German, Stacy Geffre,  
Stephanie Hawkinson, Alan LaFave,  
Lexi LaFave, Lynae Poel

# **BLESSING OUR BIBLES SUNDAY**

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**10:45 a.m.**



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## **October 15 Readings**

### **FIRST READING            Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now this is the commandment — the statutes and the ordinances — that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup>so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. <sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **SECOND READING            Romans 15:4**

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

### **GOSPEL                        Mark 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"