

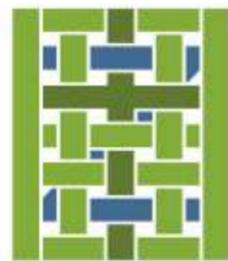


“The Hardest Parable”

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship | 10:30 am

September 22, 2019



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through Grace
ZION
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Steve Klemz



In Christ's Name, Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age, or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

All are welcome! 

Worship Today

- 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
- 10:30 am | Traditional Worship



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God's work. Our hands.

Events at Zion This Week

- Monday, September 23
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 6:30 pm | Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, September 24
 - 6 pm | Let Me Shine Board Meeting
 - 6:30 pm | German American Chorus
- Wednesday, September 25
 - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 1 pm | Let Me Shine Staff Meeting
- Thursday, September 26
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
- Friday, September 27
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 5:30 pm | Girl Scouts
- Sunday, September 29
 - 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
 - 9:15 am | Sunday School
 - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship

Resources for Worship

- Online Bulletin
 - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smartphone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to zelc.org
- Quiet Activity cloth bags are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.
- Hearing Devices
 - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.
- Large Format Bulletin
 - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a large format bulletin.

For information on this and other news and events go to zelc.org

Gathering

Prelude

"Quasi allegro" (Seven Pieces in D Major and Minor), *César Franck*

David Chamberlin, Organist

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

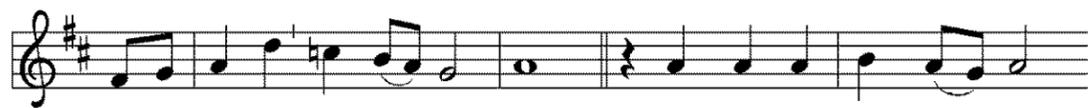
Hymn No.864 || "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

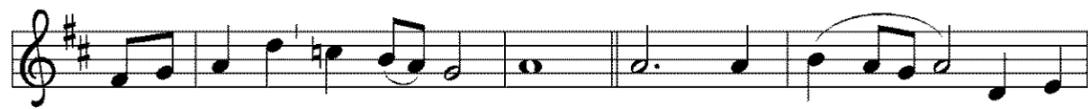

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of


God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was


slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Word

Scripture

Amos 8:4-7

Page 749 in the pew Bible

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 113

D. Chamberlin

Refrain

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust; _____ the
Lord lifts up the poor _____ from the ash-es. _____ Hal-le-
lu - jah! praise the name _____ of the LORD. _____

Verse 1

From this time forth for - ev - er - more let the name of the Lord be blessed, From the
ris - ing of the sun to its go - ing down let the name of the Lord be praised. The
Lord is high a - bove all na - tions; God's glo - ry is high a - bove the hea - vens.
Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en - throned on high, _____ but
stoops to be - hold _____ the hea - vens and earth? _____

Verse 2

The Lord takes up the weak; the Lord lifts up the poor, _____ en -
thron - ing them with the rul - ers, with the rul - ers of the peo - ple. The
Lord makes the wo - man of a child - less house to be a joy - ful moth - er of
chil - dren. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

(Verses Sung by Cantor)

From this time forth forevermore
let the name of the Lord be blessed,
From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory is high above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold
the heavens and earth?

Refrain

The Lord takes up the weak;
the Lord lifts up the poor,
enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.
The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Refrain

Scripture

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Page 963 in the pew Bible

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

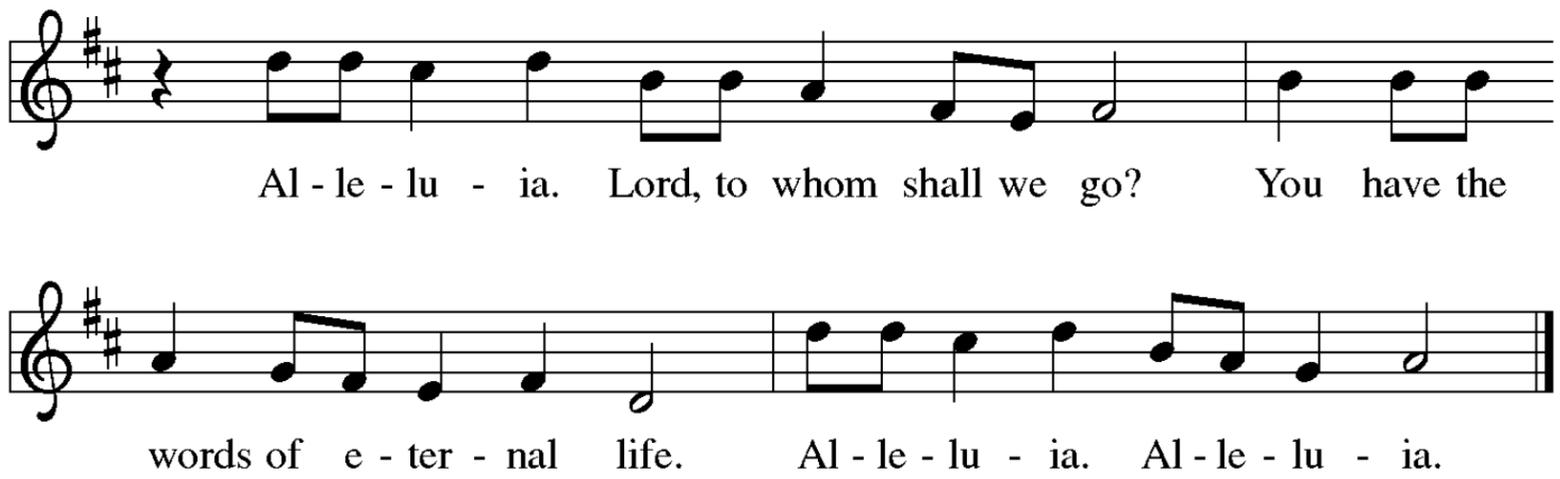
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

Page 851 in the pew Bible

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Hardest Parable"

Pastor Steve Klemz

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

Hymn No.678 || "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Apostles' Creed

**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 resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Prayers

- For all harmed by Hurricane Dorian, Humberto, and Jerry and all natural disasters
- For all affected by racism and division
- Healing peace for those who request prayers: Amy Larsen, Cassie Moseley, Jenny & Bryce, Ronnie, Vicki, Carla, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Kirsten, and Carol.
- For loved ones in hospice care
- Strength of healing with Linde Wrathall, Bonnie Judge, John Krehbiel, Terri Moffit, Ron Finner, Cindy Haverkost, and Elfie Wright
- For Preston Parkin, Paul Krehbiel, Rowen and those in life transition

Each petition concludes, "**Lord in your mercy,**" and the people prayerfully respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

The Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

The Meal

The Gathering of the Gifts

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate. If you would like to give online, please go to zelc.org/give-now

Anthem

"Arise, Give Thanks", Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider,

we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.

Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.

Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

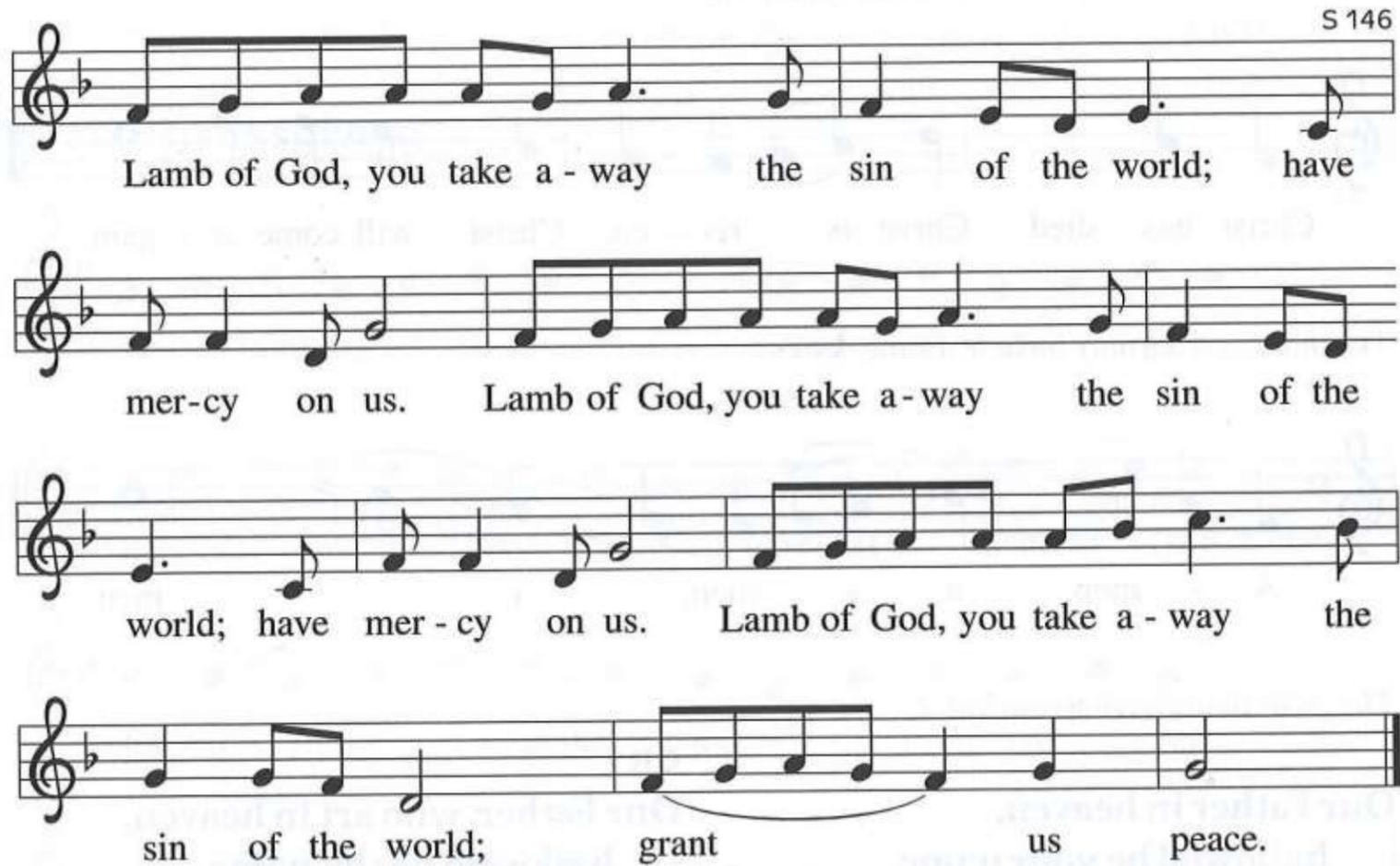
All are welcome.

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at the feast.

Thanks be to God.

The Lamb of God



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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Hymn No. 470 || "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Hymn No. 814 || "'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am'" (sung 4x)

Hymn No. 692 || "We Are an Offering" (sung 2x)

After all have received communion, please remain seated until the Benediction.

The Table Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.

Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hymn No. 710 || "Let Streams of Living Justice"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Allegro maestoso e vivace", *Felix Mendelssohn*

David Chamberlin, Organist

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Fall Worship

8:15 am – Awakening Worship

10:30 am – Traditional Worship

Today's Worship

Pastor Steve Klemz—Preaching + Presiding
David Chamberlin—Organist
Susan Swidnicki— Children's Choir Director
Dave Zabriskie—Choir Director
Brandt Graham—Child Care
Marci Hall + Holly Graham—Altar Guild
Marci Hall + Fred Strohacker—Counters

Volunteer Needed—Assisting Minister

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Next Sunday

September 29, 2019
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450
Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240
Last Week's Offerings: \$ 4,703
YTD Total Received: \$302,587

September 15, 2019
8:15 am = 26
10:30 am = 135

What's Happening at Zion

School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies to be donated to the Bright Minds Daycare, a daycare in West Valley City which specializes in refugee children. Items welcomed include pencils, crayons, folders, lunchboxes, backpacks, and more. There is a dropbox in the narthex for donations. Sunday School has designated Bright Minds for the Sunday School offerings for the year.

Pastor Steve leads today's Adult Forum

ELCA Assembly Actions: A Discussion of the ELCA as Sanctuary Denomination and Resolutions Related to White Supremacy. All are welcome. Atrium 9:15-10:15, Sunday, September 22.

Book Discussion with Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve will be leading a book discussion on the book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Lenny Duncan an ELCA pastor. All are welcome to join the discussion. After worship today, we will meet in the Lounge near 11:45 am. We will set a date, time, and place for the discussion.

Men's Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7 am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Zion Oktoberfest - Save the Date - October 12

It's Zion Oktoberfest time! Bring your friends, bring your family to the Zion Rathskeller (Terrace Room) on Saturday, October 12th at 4:30 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or email Jon so we know how much food to purchase. Bring a pot-luck dish or dessert to share, and a donation of \$9 per adult, \$4 per child ages 4-12; kinder unter 4 jahren sind frei! Brats and hot dogs will be provided, and Jon will be bringing a variety of tasty beverages. This event takes a lot of help before, during, and afterward, so please let Jon Hall know if you can contribute at jhjh87@gmail.com. Prost!

Swords to Ploughshares - Save the Date - October 5

RAWTools is a father and son team from Colorado who travel the United States with a forge and anvil, turning weapons into hand tools. They will be visiting All Saints Episcopal Church on October 5. Please join them as the duo talks about their mission and their experiences.

Diaper Drive

Stay tuned for more information about a Diaper Donation drive Zion will be holding during the Month of October to support efforts to end child homelessness.