



# ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE  
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

5 November 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Persecution will refine the church, but not destroy it. If it leads to prayer and praise, to an acknowledgment of the sovereignty of God and of solidarity with Christ in his sufferings, then - however painful - it may even be welcome.

--John Stott (*The Bible Speaks Today Commentary on Acts*)

## WELCOME!

**We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:**

- ◆ Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- ◆ **Nursery** is provided for children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- ◆ **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- ◆ **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- ◆ **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- ◆ Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to **connect** and **serve** at Zion. **We're glad you're here!**

## WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

## THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## Prelude

**Gathering Song** — *We Are Listening*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

**† Call to Worship**     *Psalm 43:3-4*

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

**† Come Into His Presence With Singing**

*Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Trinity Hymnal 457)*

*Come and See*

*Death Was Arrested*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Confession of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Preparation for Confession**    *Micah 3:9-10, 12*

**Leader:** Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.

**All:** Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **† Declaration of Grace**    *Micah 4:6-7*

In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

### **† Song of Gratitude**

*Gloria Patri*

## **Reception of New Members (8:30) —**

*Nancy Hanshaw*

*João Carlos Gomes Neto, Renata Spuri Gomes, Noah Spuri Gomes,  
Lavinia Spuri Gomes, Jonah Spuri Gomes*

## **Baptism of Covenant Children (8:30) —** *Lavinia Spuri Gomes, Jonah Spuri Gomes*

*In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church,  
Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.*

*We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.*

# **WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT**

## **Preaching of the Word**

**Series:** Church on Mission

**Title:** “Opposing God”

**Text:** Acts 5:30-42 (*Pew Bible, p. 913-914*)

## **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

*The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups  
and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.*

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation  
are welcome to join us at the Lord’s table today.*

## **† Hymn of Celebration**

*Lead On, O King Eternal (Trinity Hymnal 580)*

## **† Benediction**

## **Postlude**

***Church on Mission***  
***“Opposing God”***  
**Acts 5:30-42** (*pew Bible p. 913-914*)  
**Sermon Notes: 5 November**

Big Idea: Because Christians cling to the gospel, we must consider how we live out the gospel.  
Problem: People face outside opposition as we work to live out our values.

Christians must consider how they live out the gospel in:

I. How They Speak (vv. 30-33)

II. How They Reason (vv. 34-39a)

III. How They See Themselves (vv. 39b-42)

### **Acts 5:30-42**

30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

### ***Questions for Reflection***

- ◆ What do the pronouns we, our, you, and those show us about this presentation of the gospel in vv. 30-32? Who is speaking to whom? Where is there togetherness? Where is there separateness? How can Christians today learn from this and apply it to their own presentation of the gospel?
- ◆ Gamaliel gives a sort of principle in vv. 38-39. How would you summarize it? Is it always true? How could it be true in the long term, but seemingly untrue in the short term?
- ◆ Have you ever counted yourself "worthy to suffer dishonor" for something? What was it? How does it compare to suffering dishonor for presenting the gospel?

## **Weekly Ways to Connect: [zionpca.com/groups](http://zionpca.com/groups)**

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library**

Sundays, 9:45am: **Education Hour** *\*No classes 11/26*

Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Morning Study** (1&2 Peter) *\*Ends 11/14*

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Zion Connection** *\*Ends 11/15*

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke)

Thursdays, 7:00pm: **Women's Evening Study** (Hosea) *\*Ends 11/16*

Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

## **Upcoming Events: [zionpca.com/calendar](http://zionpca.com/calendar)**

### **Operation Christmas Child Pre-Packing Party: November 7**

Zion is one of the larger OCC drop-off sites in Lincoln, and we're getting ready! Join Jill Greff ([greffjill@gmail.com](mailto:greffjill@gmail.com)) in the Gym at 4:30pm to help sort items for shoeboxes.

### **OCC Shoebox Collection Week: November 13-20**

Collection Week is almost here! Bring your shoeboxes to the west entrance (back door by the gym):

- Monday-Friday: 4:00-6:00pm
- Saturday the 18th: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Sunday the 19th: 1:00-3:00pm
- Monday the 20th: 8:00-10:00am

Contact Jill Greff with questions or to help out this week. For more info on what to pack, see [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

### **Christmas Choir Kickoff: November 14**

Sing with us on Christmas Eve! Go to [zionpca.com/choir](http://zionpca.com/choir) for all the details, and contact Gina Tuck ([ginatuck@gmail.com](mailto:ginatuck@gmail.com)) to join our choir.

### **Last Connection Night: November 15**

Be sure to thank those who have been prepping, cooking, & cleaning up meals as well as those who serve in the nursery and Kids Club. Contact [connection@zionpca.com](mailto:connection@zionpca.com) if you want to be a part of our Connection team in the new year.



## Sunday Mornings: [zionpca.com/visit](http://zionpca.com/visit)

8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall  
Streaming to [zionpca.com/livestream](http://zionpca.com/livestream) & Facebook (@zionpca)

9:45: Education Hour for all ages

11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall  
Streaming to Hearth Room

\*No Education Hour classes Nov.26; Classes end Dec.10

See [zionpca.com/classes](http://zionpca.com/classes) for more info.

## Zion Connection: Wednesday Nights

Come and connect with each other on Wednesdays! Dinner is served starting at 6pm, and then from 7-8pm we have a place for all ages, from nursery to adults. This week's menu is **chili**!

Go to [zionpca.com/connection](http://zionpca.com/connection) for more info or email [connection@zionpca.com](mailto:connection@zionpca.com) with questions, food allergies, or to serve on a prep/cleanup team. Our last Connection of the year is **Nov.15th**, so join us while you can!

## Nursery: [zionpca.com/nursery](http://zionpca.com/nursery)

Nursery care is available during both services, Education Hour, and during Connection on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at [nursery@zionpca.com](mailto:nursery@zionpca.com).

## How to Give at Zion: [zionpca.com/give](http://zionpca.com/give)

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the **black box on the foyer table**. To give online, use this QR code, go to [zionpca.com/give](http://zionpca.com/give), or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



## Budget Update for Q3

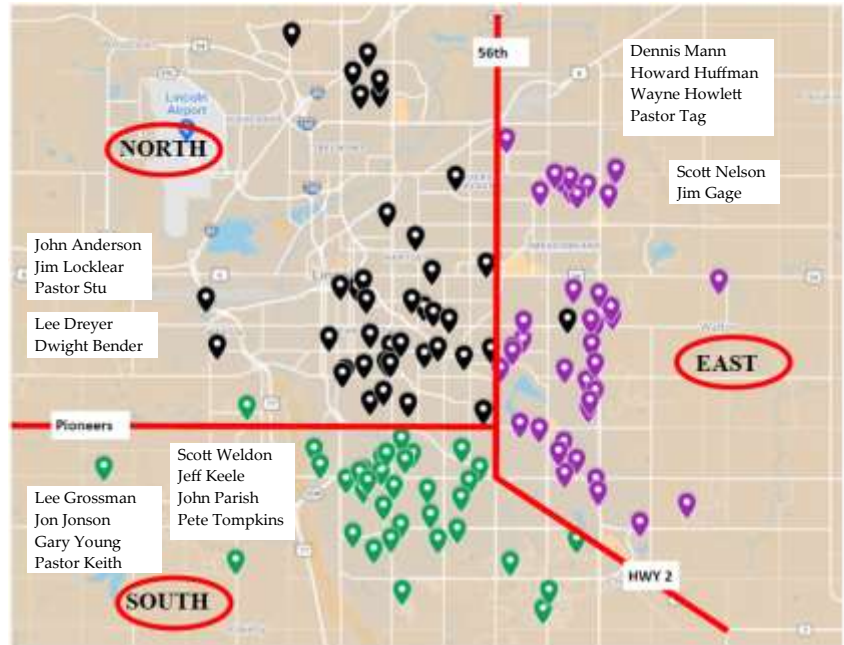
YTD Giving through September 2023: \$620K

YTD Expenses through September 2023: \$648K

## Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- **North:** North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- **South:** South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- **East:** East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2



*Forgive by Tim Keller—*  
with Pastor Stu in the **Hearth Room**

*A Sanctuary People: Tabernacle, Temple, and Church—*  
with Pastor Keith in the **North Classroom**

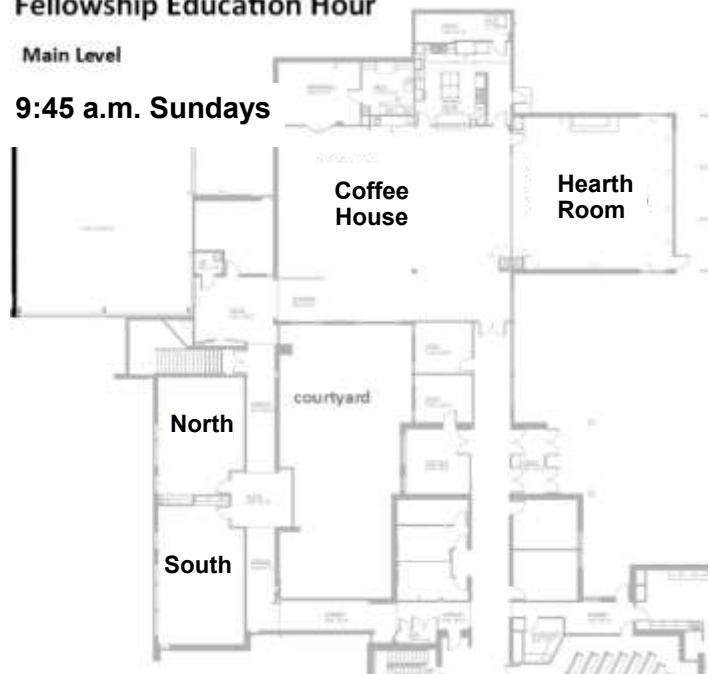
*Ephesians 1-3—*  
with Pastor Tag, Jon Papik, & Adam Kauffman in the **South Classroom**

Nursery, Kids, & Youth: lower level  
*No classes Nov.26; Classes end Dec.10*

## Fellowship Education Hour

Main Level

9:45 a.m. Sundays





*The Last Load*, Dale Nichols, 1966

"And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands.

(Deuteronomy 28:11-12)

# We Are Listening

Jeremy Quillo

Voice

Fa-ther, I long to be wise, to see with new eyes the truth that was  
writ-ten by your hand. Fa-ther, speak your truth in - to me, be-cause I be - lieve that you will  
help me un - der-stand. We are lis - ten - ing to your word, We are lis - ten - ing to your  
word, Mor - ning and eve - ning we come to de - light in the words of our God.  
Give us eyes to see, give us faith to hear that the Word has come,  
that the Word is here.

2. Father, I long to see Christ: the Truth and New Life,  
the Word that made the universe.  
Father, speak; in you I believe. I have been set free  
by the Word that lived and died for me.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12*

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise,  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# Come and See

Whitney Bozarth

Lost in dark - ness, in self - ish - ness and pride, all re - bell - ious and blind - ed from the  
light. We made i - dols in hopes that they would save, all while run - ning far a - way from  
grace. Then he called us out of dark - ness in - to his won - drous light Yes, he  
called us out of dark - ness in - to his won - drous light. Come and see, come and  
see, come and see what the Lord has done for us. Oh pro - claim all you saints, O pro -  
claim all the won - ders of his love.

Though once strangers Now we are made his own  
Founded solely on Christ the Cornerstone  
Now the church stands as a chosen race  
A Holy people called to bear his name



# Death Was Arrested

Words and Music by  
Heath Balltzglier, Brandon Coker,  
Adam Kersh and Paul Taylor Smith

1. A lone in my sor - row and dead in my sin, lost with - out hope with no  
 2. Ash was re - deemed, on - ly beau - ty re - mains; my or - phan heart — was  
 3. Re - leased from my chains I'm a pris - 'ner no more. My shame was a ran - som He  
 4. Our Sa - vior dis - played on a crim - i - nal's cross Dark - ness re - joiced as though

place to be - gin; Your love made a way to let mer - cy come  
 giv - en a name. My mourn - ing grew qui - et, my feet rose to  
 faith - ful - ly bore. He can - celled my debt and He called me His  
 hea - ven had lost But then Je - sus a - rose with our free - dom in

Chorus:  
 in, when death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan. Oh your grace so  
 dance, when death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan.  
 friend, when death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan.  
 hand. That's when death was ar - rest - ed and my life be - gan.

free wash - es o - ver me. You have made me new, now life be - gins with You.

It's your end - less love pour - ing down on us. You have made us new, now

life be - gins with You.

## Gloria Patri



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

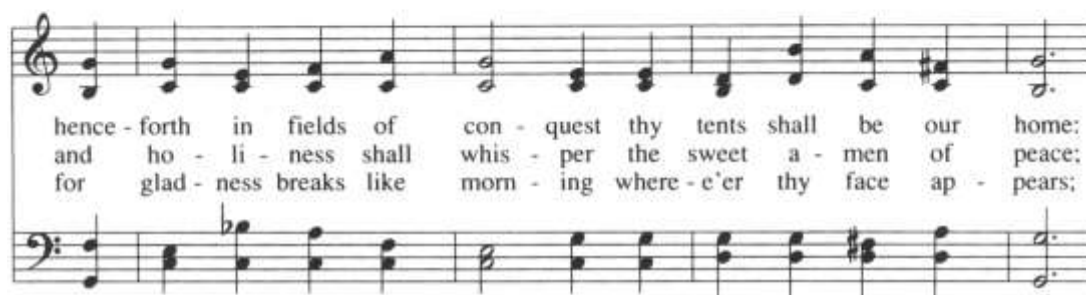
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.



*I am the LORD your God ... who directs you in the way you should go. Is. 48:17*



1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.





## COMMITTED TO GOD'S TRUTH

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

*For more explanation and resources go to [zionpca.com/beliefs](http://zionpca.com/beliefs)*

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