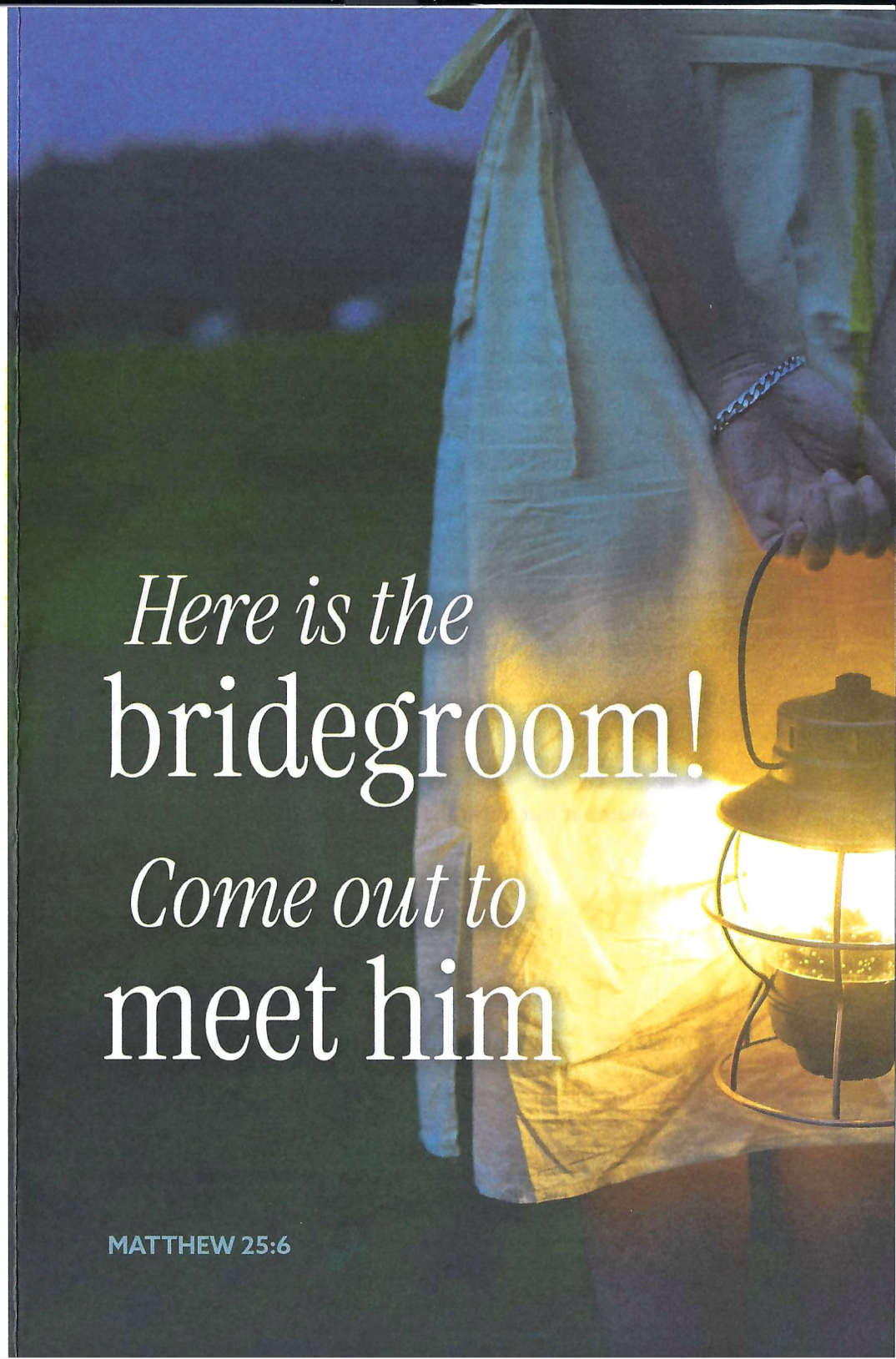


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Remembering those who have requested prayer: John Dart, Jamie Richard, Laurie Robinson, ….**we continue to further remember...** Robert Baker, Steve Baker, Harlynn Beckenstrater, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, PG Coverstone, Roe Dias, Virginia Duncan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George, Chuck Givens, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike & Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Heather Kibler, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Charlene Miller, Donna Mumaw, Jerry Newland, Linda Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Wanda Rinker, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, Jerry Walters, June Weatherholtz, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We continue to remember the families of Glenn McMinn and Carolyn Valerio and all those who mourn. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and draw them into the Lord's embrace.

We will also remember our veterans during our time of prayer this morning.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: November 15 + 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion.
9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.
11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

Call- in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.
Conference call: **(425) 436-6395** Toll Free: **(844)-854-2222**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for your support! St. Jacob's Chicken's latest BBQ is now a memory, and we hope the chicken you purchased was tasty! Thanks so much for helping to make it a sell-out day! This time proceeds of $500 will go to support **Response – Domestic Violence Shelter.**

St. Jacob Council will meet on Monday, November 9 at 6:30.

Wednesday in the Word: Our weekly Bible Study continues to meet at 6 PM, as we study the Gospel of Mark. We are still working our way through chapter 1, …it is a great chapter, so come join the discussion!

Next Saturday, November 14 is cemetery cleaning day. We'll meet at 9 AM to pick up trash, weed eat & trim around memorial stones and brush dry grass off many markers. See Robin Heishman for more information.

Share the story of a beloved veteran? In honor of our country's 250th Anniversary, Wreaths Across America is highlighting the stories of those buried in our cemeteries. Would you consider sharing 2-3 minutes of memories for a loved one you have buried in Zion cemetery on December 19? See Pastor or Robin Heishman if you will help.

Both St. Jacob's & Zion…have upcoming opportunities to serve on the Council. Would you consider helping your church in this way? Let Pastor Katie or Lawrence Funkhouser know if you have questions about what is involved.

Zion Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, November 22, following the 11 AM service, the council will provide the recommended 2027 Budget for vote. Other business on the agenda includes election of 2027 council members and a presentation on the needed HVAC repairs. Our thanks to Anna Givens and Sandra Green who are completing their terms.

Cookie Bakers needed! Once again Alliance for Shelter is looking for donations of home-baked cookies to have at the Empty Bowl Soup Supper on Friday, November 20! Donations are needed by Thursday, November 19 and should be bagged 3 to a snack size bag. Sign up with Pastor Katie if you can help in this way.

Help decorate the sanctuary with a poinsettia for Christmas? Thanks to Ann Ward, who travels to Dayton to pick them up! You can choose from red, white, or peppermint (red & white) for $9.75 each. Pastor Katie & Ann have the forms. Orders need to be in by next Sunday.



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026

Welcome- Today's pictures are from Homecoming.

Confession: In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance and Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn # 625 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne. ***Refrain***

Refrain: We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King,
but children of the heav'nly King
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad. ***Refrain***

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. ***Refrain***

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.



Apostolic 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.

Kyrie Eleison

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Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord ..**Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord …**Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord…**Refrain**

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

God's Word
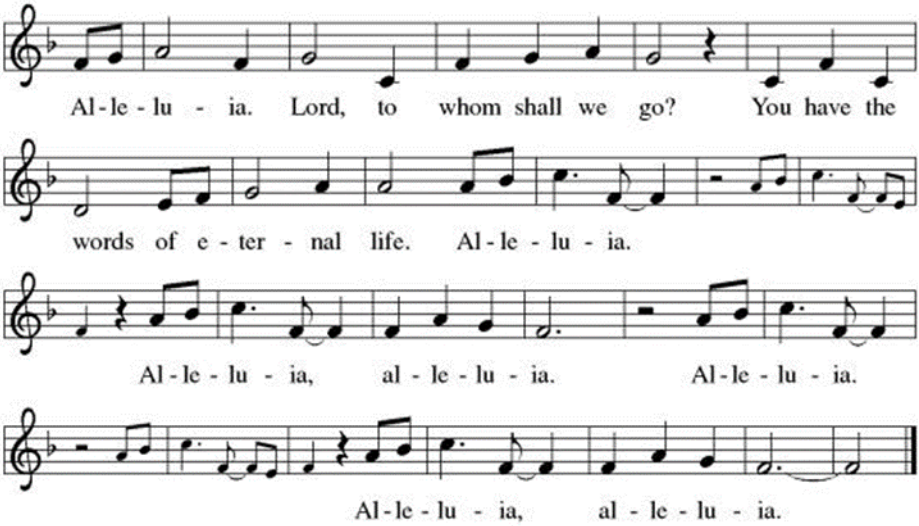


Today's Readings Insert

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter, beginning with the 1st verse…

Glory to You,
O Lord.

Reading the Gospel

The Gospel of
the Lord.

Praise to You,
O Christ.



Prayer of Illumination



Holy Spirit, fire and wisdom of God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading and proclamation of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 436 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake!
your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share,
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light is come!
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

Gloria! Let heav'n adore You!,
Let saints and angels sing before You,
with harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around Your throne
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

Nicene Creed *We speak together the words of our faith*



We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He
came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession



Please respond:
Lord, in Your mercy…
Hear our prayer.

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, You bring forth food from the earth and nourish Your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know Your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory # 840 *Now Thank We All Our God*

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal
God,
whom earth and
heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is
now, and shall be
evermore.





Service of Holy Communion +

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
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 Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high--est.

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+ Words of Consecration +



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray…

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.



Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you….Come, taste, and see.



Partaking of Communion

In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing. Those at home are invited to commune at the beginning, as the Pastor invites them.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.



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 forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**



Sending Hymn #439 *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.











Today's Readings

Sunday, November 8, 2026
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Prayer of the Day

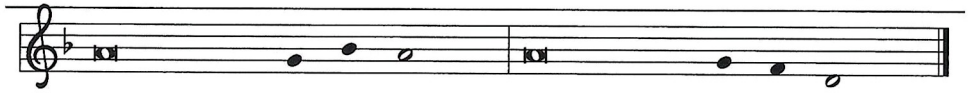
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading — Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
[19]as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24]But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 [not printed]**

Psalm — Psalm 70; tone 9



Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2]**Let those who seek my life**
be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure
in my misfortune
draw back and | be disgraced.
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!"
and gloat | over me
turn back because
| of their shame.
[4]**Let all who seek you rejoice**
and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation
say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

continued

[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper
and my deliverer;
O LORD, | do not tarry.

***or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 [not printed]**

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11]Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

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Thank You!

On behalf of the family of Glenn McMinn, thank you to all the members of Zion who have provided comfort over the years in our time of need. You have blessed us during the loss of our brother and parents, and we are grateful for your faithful witness to the Lord. Further thanks to those who helped in the last two days, namely Melissa & Sarah Atkins, Alan Dodson, Dianne George, Sandra Green, Robin Heishman, Steve Heishman, Nancy Ludwig, Cindy Moody, Dexter & Donna Mumaw, Debbie Helsley Thompson, Ann & Gary Ward.

Sincerely, Tammy and Glenda

With continued gratitude…



On behalf of Carolyn Wilkins Valerio's children, Tammy, Buster and Penny, thank you for the witness to God's love you have provided by having our mom's service and fellowship meal. It gave us the ability to come together and honor her memory. Your compassion is greatly appreciated.

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