Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pembroke The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost The Season of Creation Setting 2 September 29 2024

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let god hear the voice

Of beloved creation

Of people of trees,

Of birds beasts and fish

Let life breathe out praise from the heights

To the depths to God

The creator, sustainer and friend

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm 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.

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

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 neighbours 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.

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 and 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 \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG All Are Welcome (ELW 641)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain**

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

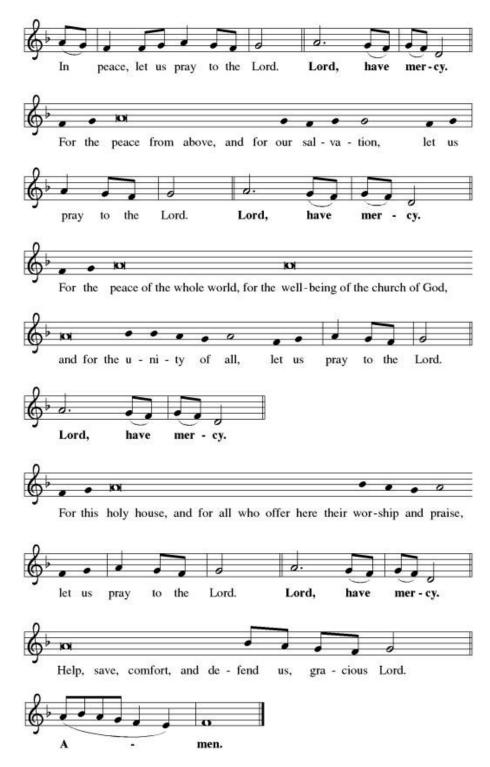
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

GREETING (ELW p. 120)

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 (ELW p. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

A reading from Esther.

¹[King Ahasuerus] and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ³Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" ⁵Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁵Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." ¹0So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC SOLO: "Beyond The Rain" sung by Allen Rose

By Mark Brinkman

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 125)

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True (ELW 675)

1 O Christ, our light, O Radiance true, shine forth on those estranged from you, and bring them to your home again, where their delight shall never end.
2 Fill with the radiance of your grace the wand'rers lost in error's maze.
Set free all those whose hearts and minds some deep delusion haunts and binds.

3 Lord, open all reluctant ears and take away the needless fears of those who tremble to express the faith their inmost hearts confess.

4 Lord, let your mercy's gentle ray shine down on others strayed away. To those in conscience wounded sore show heaven's waiting, open door.

5 Make theirs with ours a single voice uplifted, ever to rejoice with wond'ring gratitude and praise to you, O Lord, for boundless grace.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 127)
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.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of all hopefulness, we bring before You our concerns for the world and her people.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for parents around the world who reach out in hope for their children. We pray for justice: when they struggle to provide food for their families; when they cannot find a place to make a home for their children.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of their societies. We pray for justice: that they might confront centres of power with the experience of life on the margins; that they might be allowed to contribute to the welfare of society; that we may all be enriched by the insights and wisdom they bring to our communities.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who are struggling with ailments, who are sick or suffering. We pray for those facing surgery. We pray for those who grieving. Especially we pray for those we name before you now Jason, *Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Ingrid, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Marlene, Patricia.* Be with them and assure them of your presence and loving hands. Gracious God, we turn to you.

For you are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for our common home and all who seek to ensure its wellbeing.

We pray for justice: that all nations of the world will work together for the common good of each person and our planet; that conservation will enable habitats to flourish while meeting the needs of local communities; that we each understand the impact we have upon the earth and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for ourselves,

Disturb us and disquiet us with a passion for justice. Challenge us to grasp a vision of Your new world and motivate us to act to birth it into being.

Enable us to pass on the gift of hope, so others are empowered to continue the journey of faith. Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom. Amen.

(Scottish Eco-congregation 2018 adapted)

PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING As Saints of Old (ELW 695) verses 1 and 2

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)



PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

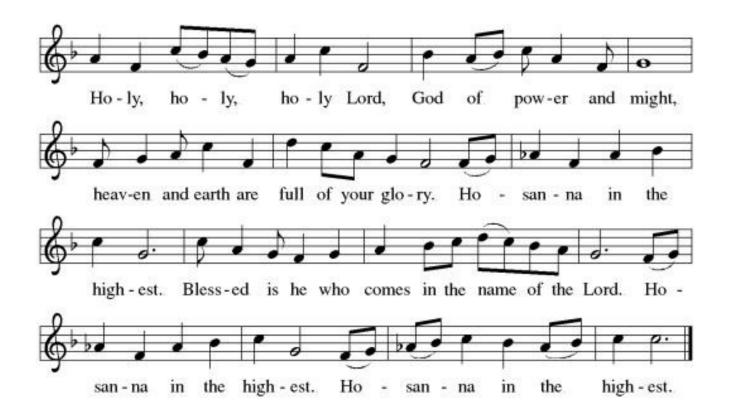
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 (ELW p. 134)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)

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.

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

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SPECIAL MUSIC SONG: "Take Now and Share" sung by Kevin Rutz and Allen Rose By Richard Cootes

Jesus Loves Me! (ELW 595)

1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Text: Public Domain.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go out into the world rejoicing,

and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;

Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655)

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 30 – October 6

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 am Senior Exercise Class

6:30 am Pickle Ball 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 6:00 pm ALPHA Program

7:00 pm Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Worship Assistant: Ellen Vandersleen

Music Director: Blaine Sack Sexton: Koit Rull

Projector Operator: Phillip Vandersleen Video Recorder: Ty Phannenhour

Sound Operator: Brian Smith

Counters: Kathy Godin & Susan Dupuis

Altar Care: Diane Rull

Ushers: Kevin & Jean Rutz
Coffee Hour: Jill & Al Kellough

Please join us for a potluck and fellowship in the parish hall following worship today.

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday September 22: 79

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Marlene Schleen, Patricia Zohr.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD BANK

The ZLW is asking Zion members to support the St. Joseph's Food Bank as we approach the season of Thanksgiving. The food bank will accept all food items, except ones that the 'Best Before' Date has passed. Food donations have not been sufficient enough since Covid. We rely heavily on monetary donations so that our buyers can purchase items that are not donated to make up decent hampers for the clients. Our Food budget for this year is \$292,000.00. Our community is very generous to the food bank and we do receive substantial funds from local stores, local organizations, and local food drives.

Food Items that are always needed include:

For kids lunches: juice boxes, pudding cups, *granola bars (*peanut free), snacks (Bear Paws, Rice Krispie squares, apple sauce cup, etc.)

For families : Canned Soup, Cereal - low sugar, Jam, Cheese Whiz, Potatoes, Instant Coffee or Regular coffee, Kraft Dinner, macaroni / spaghetti, Wieners.

Things we buy in bulk from donations and will gladly accept any of these as well: canned and fresh veggies, hamburger, milk, eggs, bread, butter, margarine, tuna, Flakes of Ham, canned fruit, canned protein - beef stew, Irish stew, chili.

JAM JAR FUNDRAISER

The Social Ministry Committee is organizing the annual jam jar fundraiser. The proceeds will be directed to the Good Shepherding Fund this year which helps people in need in our congregation. The campaign starts Thanksgiving Sunday and will conclude on All Saints Sunday and wrap up with a soup and sandwich luncheon with free will offering following worship **November 3**. Please take a jar and return by All Saints Sunday. Cash or cheque is welcome. E-transfer is also available, just note **Jam Jar** in the memo. Please remember to put your name and envelope number in the jar if it is cash so we can add it to your offerings.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

CONFIRMATION CLASS to begin in October on Wednesday, October 2nd 6:15pm - 7:15pm.

ZLW Faith & Life Program will be on Wednesday October 2nd at 2:30 pm Featuring "Fall In Love With Jesus" with Sandra Graham with special donation to the Food Bank.

ALPHA PROGRAM will meet on **Thursday October 3**rd from **6-8 pm**. Please contact Pastor Scott or the church office if you are interested in attending.

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday October 7**th **from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm** for food, crafts, story, games- an evening of so much fun! Messy Church happens the first Monday of every month and all ages are welcome. Please come and bring a friend!

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Paul's Jail Break Escape Room on **Friday October 11**th **6:30 - 8:30pm**, cost \$2. **Friday October 18**th **from 6:30 -8:30 pm** we will be having a Halloween Party! cost \$5, all youth are welcome to attend.

ZION GARAGE SALE Zion Lutheran Church will be holding a Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday **October 25 – 26** at 454 Miller Street in the Parish Hall. Tools, housewares, toys, furniture and more- treasures for everyone. Come enjoy our café with baked goods sale, and we hope to see you there!

YARD SALE DONATIONS We are now accepting donations for our yard sale that will be held at Zion on **October 25 - 26**. All items can be placed on the stage. Thank you for your support.

MIXED & MEN'S CHOIRS Mixed Choir will meet on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm and Men's Choir will meet on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday** at **1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!