

ZION WORSHIP
November 19th, 2023 –8:30 AM



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Southern Ocean Medical Center/Hackensack Meridian hosts 2 Caregiver Support groups @ the Stafford Library (129 N. Main St., Manahawkin.)

- **GENERAL CAREGIVERS** - Held the third Monday of each month at noon. For more information, call 1-800-560-9990.
- **SPECIALIZED CAREGIVERS** - For those caring for a loved one with signs of Alzheimer’s Disease, a meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at noon. For more information, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

FREE VACCINES - The LBI Health Dept. in Ship Bottom is offering free flu shots and Covid test kits.

THANKSGIVING WITH ST. PETER’S – Tonight !! Join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner and worship with St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. Dinner here at 6pm. Worship at 7pm. Come and join in the Feast!

ASSISTING MINISTERS TRAINING – we will offer training for all who wish to join the ministry at the Lord’s Table. This meeting is for all who are and who wish to be our Greeters, Readers and Communion Assistants. We ask all that already do so be present for this training as well. Your experience will help those who are beginning. The half hour training will take place immediately after the 8:30 and the 10:00 am worship services. This is your chance to serve at the Lord’s Table. We invite everyone who hears the call to serve in this Gayle Regan (908-612-6517). She will help you find a time that works best for you!

HYMN: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship	One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God
Come, now is the time to give your heart	One day, every knee will bow
Come, just as you are to worship	Still, the greatest treasure remains
Come just as you are before your God, Come	For those who gladly choose You now

HYMN: Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus:

And I _____
I’m desperate for You
And I _____
I’m lost without You

God's Holy Word

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.



The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 90: 1 - 12

¹**Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.**

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³**You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."**

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵**you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:**

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷**For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.**

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹**When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹**Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?**

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 25:14 – 30; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

REFLECTIONS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Closing Prayer - Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

Blessing – May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Great are Your Works

Your works Lord (Your work Lord) are awe-some (are awe-some)
Your pow-er (your pow-wer) is great!! (**Repeat**)

Chorus

You will Reign (you will reign) for-ev-er (for-ev-er)
In Pow-er (in pow-er) You will reign! (**Repeat**)

Chorus

Be-cause of (be-cause of) Your great-ness (Your great-ness)
All the earth (all the earth) will sing! (**Repeat**)

Chorus

Chorus:

Great are your works Lord,
Great are your deeds
Awe-some in pow-er, so
awe-some to me!

Dismissal: Friends of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

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with the community in all seasons"***



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