

Acts 6:1-9 (ESV)

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ² And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

1 Peter 2:2-10 (ESV)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed

you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

¹⁴ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Because I live,
you also
will live.

John 14:19



May 14, 2017
5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5). It is Mother’s Day, and today, we Christians celebrate how our Christian mothers pointed us to Jesus by being like Jesus in their dedication. God bless our mothers nurture of us in our faith, and others who whom we teach to know the love of Jesus as a result.

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HANDBELLS “Celebration”	Krug
SERMON HYMN	Mothers Choose
SERMON “ <i>Mothers Dedicated to Christ</i> ”	John 14:1-14
HANDBELLS “ <i>Jubilate</i> ”	Austin
CLOSING HYMN	Mothers Choose

Pastor	Paul Hauser	Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Frank Yell	A/V	Paul Bohn
Acolytes	Liam Zastrow & Robert Knapik		
Ushers	Dave Hutfilz & Dave Little		
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt		
Altar Guild	Julayne Hutfilz and Sharon Hyatt		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 152 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$3,856 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$6,154 = Loose Plate \$282, Envelopes \$4,807 Mission \$132, Maintenance \$183, Teach. Rent \$750; Cap Prj. \$120; Memorials \$20 Don Thom, \$45 Helen Clapp, \$385 Derrill Beyersdorf.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: May 21- Chet Hodges, Brenda Northrup, Millie Parker; May 23- Sydney Little; May 25- Chad Richnak, Ruth Rohn.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3:8-10



Helen McCoy, faithful member of Zion died May 4, 2017 and was given Christian burial on Monday, May 8. Helen is survived by her husband, Robert; her children Edward McCoy, Linda Meyer, Karen (Bill) Martin, Don (Lynn) McCoy, Robert (Jeannie) McCoy, Daniel Johnston, Timothy Johnston, and James Johnston; 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Two brothers, three sisters and two grandchildren have predeceased her. *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).*

Informational Meeting ~ Handouts from the informational meeting held last Sunday are available in the narthex for those interested and were unable to attend. Questions may be directed to Mark Richardson, Dick Bluemer, Fred Kruth, Dave Hutfilz, Millie Parker, Bruce Tessin, Marc Pinet, Carol Little, or Irene Kruth.

Voters' Assembly Meeting ~ May Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21 in the fellowship hall following the worship service. All confirmed members age 18 and over are encouraged to attend. Agendas are in your bulletin box and in the narthex.

Close to God ~ I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.

-Isaac Newton