

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 17 & 18, 2026

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Welcome

Hebrews 5:7 reminds us that Jesus “offered up prayers and supplications” and was heard by the Father. As we gather for worship today, may we bring our own prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another. Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayer Before Worship

Keep our minds and spirits focused on You, O Lord, that we may not miss Your message to us. Amen.

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given by Barbara Cilento in memory of her mother Eleanor Cilento.

Eternal Light

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Theme: “The Swallowing of Death”



MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

There are certain “givens” in our earthly lives. In a letter written in 1789, American statesman Benjamin Franklin wrote: “In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” Paying taxes is one of those unavoidable duties we have as citizens of our nation. Paul directed the Christians at Rome to pay “taxes to whom taxes

are owed” (Romans 13:7) as part of their ongoing responsibilities. Jesus and His disciples also paid taxes (Matthew 17:24–27). While paying taxes may not be a joy-filled experience, giving from what God has given us to support the work done in our Lord’s name can be a source of joy as we bring an offering and come into His courts to “worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness” (Psalm 96:8–9).

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Our Worship to The Lord

Saturday 5:00 pm
Liturgy: Page 203, Holy Communion
Hymns: #783 Take My Life and Let It Be
#832 Jesus Shall Reign

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