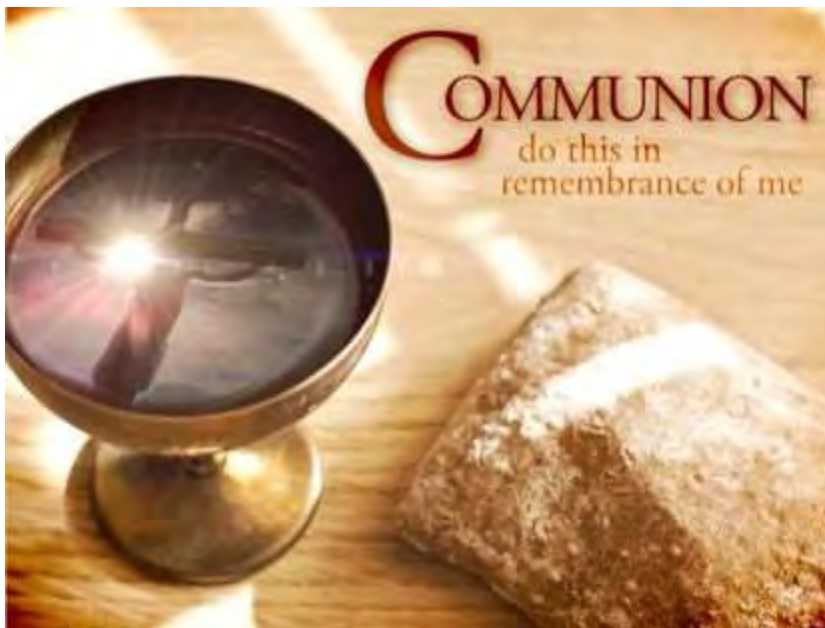


# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Carolyn Wible & Family in Memory of Dick Wible.  
**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of all of her brothers and sisters.

**HEY YOUTHS, YES, YOUTHS...** we are going Bowling this evening, 6-8pm @ Sports Haven Bowling right here in Bridgeville. Talk to Joe if you have any questions. See you this evening for a strikingly good time. (Get it? Strikingly...)

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is back! Join us for Bible Study and breakfast this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am! Come hungry... for God's Word. And bacon.

**The Sunday school Christmas program** is on December 13th at the 10:30am worship service. Children will recite the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2, play music and sing songs, and serve as trustees (greeters and ushers). There will be communion and Pastor Duncan will have a sermon.

**OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** collections will begin on December 13th. Please see the insert for more details.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**ADVENT.** Our Midweek Advent Services are on Wednesdays in December at 7:00pm as we take a look at the Four Advents of Christ. And come early for...

**ADVENT DINNER.** If you are hungry and in a hurry, join us for dinner before our Advent Services. 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**USHERS NEEDED!** Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2016. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING** is today, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. Lunch will be provided!

**CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** for Christmas Eve service can be purchased until Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>! The cost is \$6.75 each.

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning we wrap up our Back to Basics unit in the Lord's Supper by taking a look at what other Christians congregations teach concerning the Sacrament of the Altar. Like we saw with Baptism, it is hard to find two Christian groups that have identical teachings when it comes to the Lord's Supper. When it comes to the Lord's Supper, differences in teaching generally fall into three categories: what is being offered, why is it being offered, and who should receive what is being offered. I understand that this can quickly become confusing. But it is helpful for you to know what other Christians believe concerning the Lord's Supper and why they believe it.

Way back in our unit on the Apostles' Creed, we saw that every mistake Christians make in doctrine (what they believe) comes from a misunderstanding of either who Jesus is, or what Jesus has done. I hope you will see how this applies to different teachings on the Lord's Supper. So what? When you talk with other Christians about things like the Lord's Supper (or Baptism, or salvation, or faith, or social issues, etc), I think it is important that you know where the differences we have originate. Our message to other Christians (and everyone else) isn't our belief of the Real Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper; it is the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the obedience, death and resurrection of Christ. If people know who Jesus is and what he has done, the rest of Christian doctrine (what we believe) naturally falls into place.

-Pastor Duncan

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: The Night Will Soon Be Ending* 337

## *The Invocation*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. It also tells us that if we say we have not sinned we make Christ out to be a liar and His word is not in us. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, You have put Your name on me in Holy Baptism. You have sent the Holy Spirit into my life to strengthen my faith in You and to live a godly life. You have surrounded me with brothers and sisters in Christ and have allowed me to eat the Supper that bears Your name. But I have chosen to rebel against You and have sinned greatly. I ask that you would be patient with me, forgive me of all my sins and lead me in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast* 155

## **Refrain:**

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*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]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

**[REFRAIN]**

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 57**

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.  
I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.  
He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah*  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!  
My soul is in the midst of lions;  
I lie down amid fiery beasts—  
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
whose tongues are sharp swords.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

They set a net for my steps;  
my soul was bowed down.

They dug a pit in my way,  
but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!  
Awake, my glory!

Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

### **The New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God

and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 22:7-23**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" And they

began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*** 352

### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

### ***Offertory - Bethlehem Wind - Adult Choir (10:30)***

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross and life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**People: 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.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

## ***The Sharing of the Peace***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*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.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Distribution Hymns***

Your Table I Approach

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Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

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The Will of God is Always Best

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### ***Benediction***

**People:        Amen**

***The Recessional: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

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### ***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Rob Oelschlager(10:30)
The Ushers:	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Dan Harris, Ross Chilcott,& Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery 10:30 service:	Alissa McLellan & Carley Rockovich

### **Last Week in Worship**

Thanksgiving Eve Offering (11/25) - \$1,227.00

Sunday Offering (11/29) - \$4,980.00

Wednesday Offering (12/2) - \$239.00

Online Offering - \$465.00

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/29) -200

Wednesday Attendance (12/2) - 72

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# *Week of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>12/6</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study (Mark) & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:30 AM – Church Decorating (lunch provided) 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Youth Bowling
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>12/7</b>	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>12/8</b>	9:00 AM – Moms In Prayer 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>12/9</b>	6:00PM – Advent Dinner 7:00PM – Advent Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>12/10</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>12/11</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>12/12</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>12/13</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion – Sunday School Christmas Program 4:30 PM – Christmas Caroling <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>

## Operation: Bags of Love



Help support our troops!

Help the Sunday school children collect donations for  
Operation: Bags of Love!

Our troops need our donations and prayers!

What our troops desperately desire are snack items and words of encouragement from us. So, our mission will be to collect specific snack items, putting them into bags, adding God's love with letters and cards, and shipping them off...Operation: Bags of Love!

Please help us collect the following items:

- Ramen Noodles
- Drink Mix Singles (Propel, Coffee, etc.)
- Snack sized packages of Granola Bars
- Snack sized packages of Jerky or Slim Jims
- Chewing Gum
- Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label "OSS"*)
- Write a Letter of Encouragement to a soldier. Must be written on provided letterhead.
- Draw a Picture on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing page.
- Pray for our troops.
- Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school tab at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).)

Thank you for your donations!  
~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at [www.operationstarsandstripes.com](http://www.operationstarsandstripes.com).

# Zion Youth Bowling!

TODAY: Sunday, Dec 6  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Sports Haven Bowling:  
143 Carol Ave, Bridgeville  
Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

SEE YOU THERE



# Christmas Caroling



*Join us on December 13th as we spread Christmas Cheer to the shut in's of our congregation! We will meet at Zion at 4:30 pm so we can break into teams and visit as many people as we can. Everyone is welcome to attend. Keep an eye out for more details!*

