

# Zion Lutheran Church



November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her husband, Bob DeBoe.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...**is from TANNER WILSON Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**November 14.** Please feel free to take them from the corner display in the Sanctuary. (Please leave the easel/stands.) The unclaimed art will be donated to Goodwill on Wednesday, November 15. Please spread the word. (The fall photo by longtime Zion member "Norm" will remain at Zion for annual display each autumn.)

**YOUTH GROUP** meeting for Parents and Youth will be TODAY Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> after church. Join us as we plan events for the youth! If you would like to help with our youth group please contact Michele & Mike Wallace (832-439-1754 or 724-206-8850). [mikeandmichelewallace@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandmichelewallace@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING...** Join us as we bring Christmas joy to our shut-ins. Sunday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately after last service meet in the fellowship hall! We will go in groups to Christmas carol to the shut-in's. Contact Carrie Lemonovich with any questions.

**FINAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CRAFT PARTY** is TODAY, after second service until 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. FUN will be had!

**THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR.** The Annual Children's Christmas Program "And It Came to Pass" is Sunday, **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM** in the Sanctuary. Come hear and be assured that future generations will receive the GOOD NEWS!

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**STAY CONNECTED** with all that is going on at church. If your address, phone number or email address change please let the secretaries know at [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org)

**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.)

**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)

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

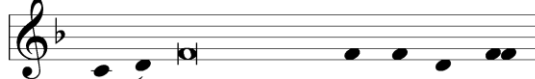
Introit

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- C** **Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\***  
**for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**
- I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;\***  
**I ponder the work | of your hands.**
- I stretch out my | hands to you;\***  
**my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.**
- Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\***  
**Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!**
- For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\***

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

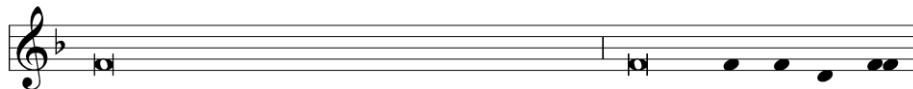
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



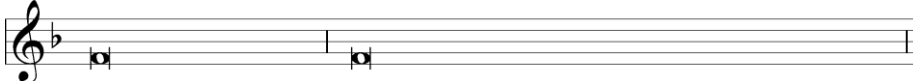
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



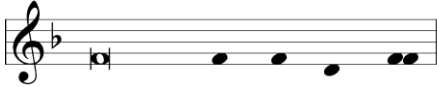
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



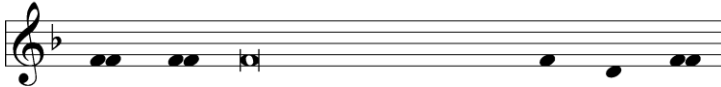
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'  
Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."  
The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.  
A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation



through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, a common time signature (C) is placed, followed by the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics below: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who

had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon Hymn – The Day is Surely Drawing Near**

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### **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord in your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

### 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 stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



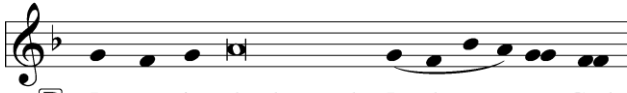
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

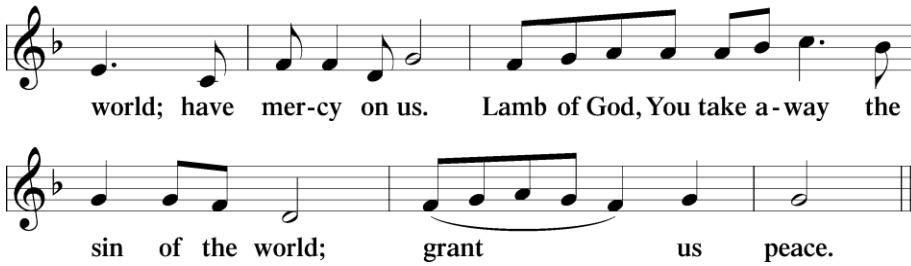
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:





world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Sharing of Peace

### 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.*

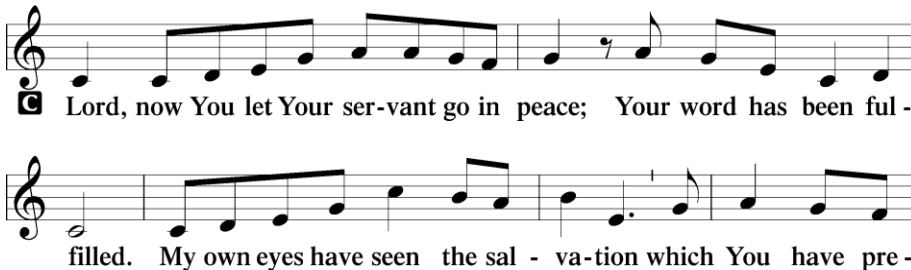
*During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."*

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

### Distribution Hymns

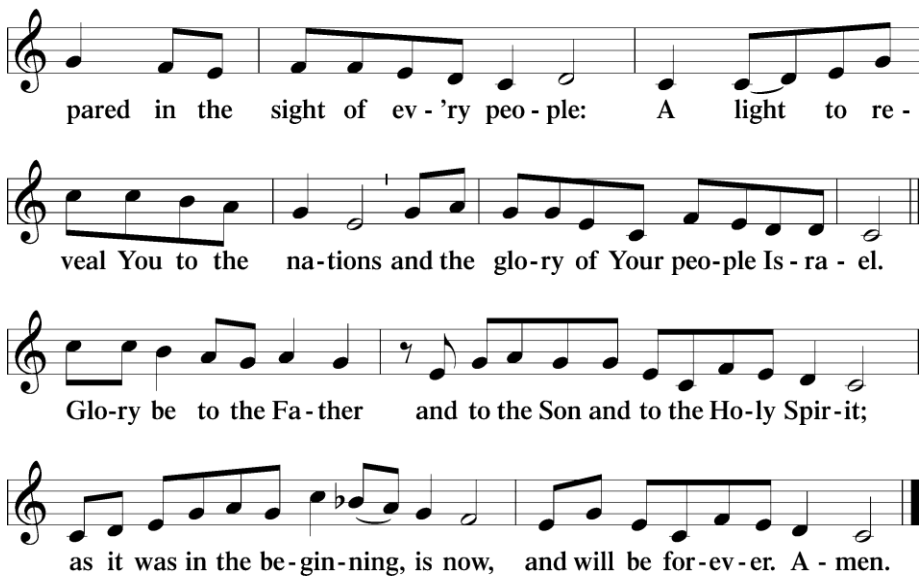
<b>Lord of All Hopefulness</b>	<b>738</b>
<b>We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God</b>	<b>941</b>
<b>Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</b>	<b>806</b>

### Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -





pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

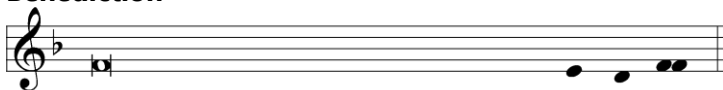
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



■ A - men.

## Closing Hymn – O Sing to the Lord

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ron Lyons, Vince Miller, Beatrice Decker, Ryan McCaffrey, and Bonnie Lewis.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Jack Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernie & Jean Blanco (8:00) Bill & Nancy Koester (10:30)
The Ushers:	Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Megan & Brian Pasquini Bob Bonacci, Mike Kozak (10:30) Mike Wallace & Bill Koester
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Megan Meyer & Jodi Fitzgerald

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/12) –175

Wednesday Worship Attendance (11/15) - 18

Sunday Offering (11/12) - \$5,010.50

Online Giving (10/30-11/3) - \$689.00

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

## November 19<sup>th</sup> – November 26<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 11/19 Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Youth Group Meeting (Parents &amp; Youth) 11:45 AM- Sunday School Craft Party</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 11/20</p>	<p>6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation Class</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 11/21</p>	<p>6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11/22</p>	<p>7:00 PM –Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 11/23</p>	<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 11/24</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 11/25</p>	<p>9:30 AM – Men’s Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 11/26</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>

Save the date for the...

# Zion Christmas Decorating Party!

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 4:30PM**  
**DINNER FOLLOWED BY DECORATING**  
POTLUCK STYLE - SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX  
BEEF & COLE SLAW PROVIDED  
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE

*Bring the whole family and help us  
decorate Zion for advent and Christmas!*

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!**

**PLEASE RSVP IN  
THE NARTHEX BY  
NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**BYOB TO SHARE!**





- Hello! I am Barb Oechslein and I am on the Bridgeville Area Food Bank Volunteer Committee and coordinator for the Children's Outreach Angel Tree program. Our committee consists of two people and we are looking to find a few one time volunteers to help organize the gifts received from this year's program.
- I need one person prior to Wednesday, December 13 to numerically organize the gifts brought to Zion and make sure all gifts have been received. Call to remind anyone who has not returned gift by Wednesday, December 13.
- I am also in need of two or three volunteers on Thursday, December 14 to help transport the gifts to Bethany Presbyterian Church and organize all gifts received from the area churches. This will be done starting at 12:30 and should be finished before 3:00. If you can only help transport or only help organize any time would be appreciated.
- Please contact Barb Oechslein, [boechslein@hotmail.com](mailto:boechslein@hotmail.com) before Wednesday, December 13 if you can help.