

Zion Lutheran Church



*"My Words will not pass away."
- Mark 13:31*

*November 25th, 2018
Last Sunday of the Church Year*



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

- 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

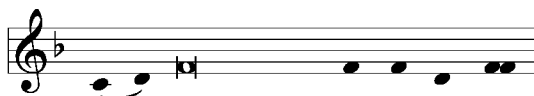


- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.
- C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!**
- Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.**
- And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?***
- My hope | is in you.**
- Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**
- Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;***
- hold not your peace | at my tears!**
- 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.

☐ We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

Kyrie



☐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ 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.



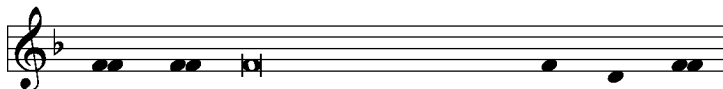
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



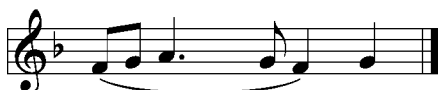
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 51:4-6

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – Jude 20-25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.


Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away

until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P ...Let us pray to the Lord

C Lord have mercy.

Offering

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



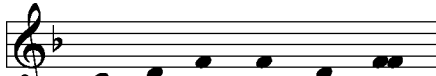
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



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.



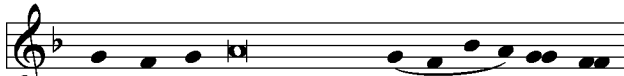
C And al - so with you.



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 † 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 † 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.

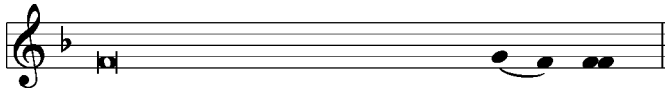
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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

Sharing of Peace

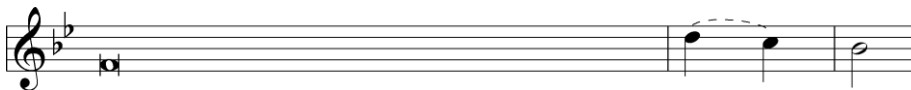
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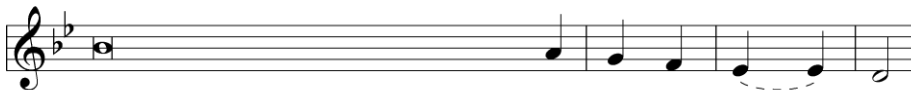
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| Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | #686 |
| Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray | #623 |
| Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | #621 |



Te Deum



- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



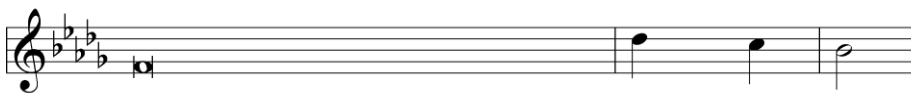
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



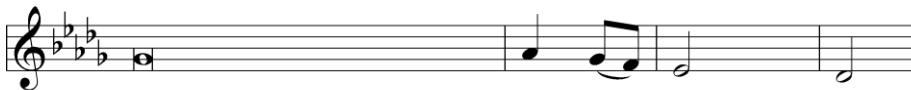
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



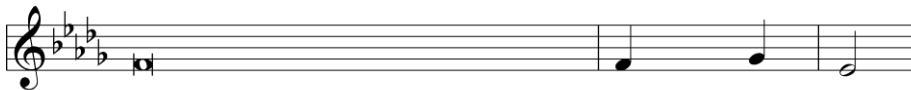
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



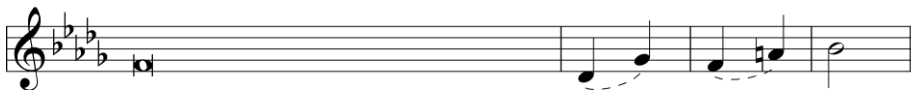
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



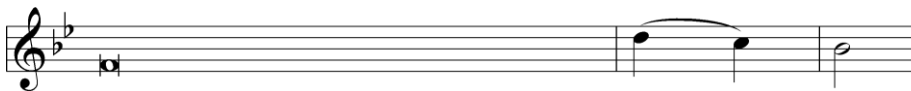
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



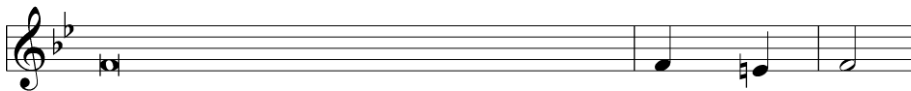
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be - our judge.



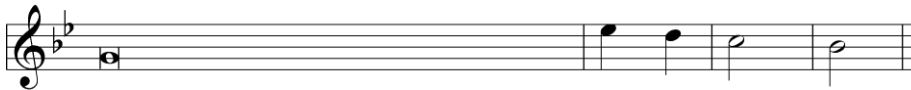
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

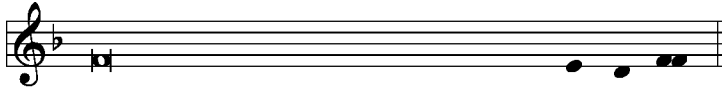
Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

C 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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn – Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, and Irene Bourg.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou Neill, Matt and Chris Back, Sara Jones, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Shannon Mance, Jim Eckels and Nancy Koester.

- 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.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/18) - 146

Sunday Offering (11/18) - \$4,106.00

Online Offering (11/12-11/17) - \$1,540.84

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & James Neill
The Acolyte:	John Garrubba (8:00) Sarah Grimenstein (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Bill & Nancy Koester (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Megan Pasquini Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) Dan Harris, Sam Dragan Ed Malachosky & Mike Kozak (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Carrie Lemonovich & Stephanie Eckels

November 25th – December 2nd

SUNDAY 11/25	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 11/26	
TUESDAY 11/27	6:15 PM - Grace Ringers 6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Ringers
WEDNESDAY 11/28	7:00 PM – Midweek Service & Bible Study
THURSDAY 11/29	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 11/30	
SATURDAY 12/1	5:30 PM – Christmas Church Decorating
SUNDAY 12/2	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15 AM - Youth Group Soup Sale 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by The Pasquini's in Celebration of Brian's birthday and Tom & Lynn Carthy in Memory of Loved ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her father, Frank Rilius.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please silence or turn off your cell phones during service.

ADVENT FAMILY DINNERS... join us during the midweek advent services for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you will be attending. These are great opportunities to have fellowship during the busy season of Christmas.

HOMEMADE FINGER DESSERTS are needed for the Sunday School Christmas program on December 16th. Please use the sign up sheet located in the narthex. Desserts can be delivered to the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 15th between 10:00-11:30am OR Sunday, Dec. 16th during the Sunday School hour. Please label your special creations "FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL".

CHURCH DIRECTORY... It is not too late to be included in the Church Directory. Anyone who did not have their photo taken can submit a photo to secretary@zlc.org.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS... 100 Envelope Challenge and Soup Sale ... How can you help support our 5 kids going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2019?? They are running two fundraisers to help offset the cost of the trip. In the back corner of the church you will see a board FULL of envelopes. Each envelope has a number. Grab an envelope and put the amount of money that matches that number inside! On December 9th between services the youth will have soup samples for you to try and then they will take orders for 32oz containers of soup which will be delivered on Sunday Dec. 9th & 16th! For every \$1000 raised the youth will host an event for the congregation! They have hit \$1000 so they will be hosting a lunch for the church...details coming soon!

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

Save the date for the...

Zion Christmas Decorating Party!

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST 5:00PM
DINNER FOLLOWED BY DECORATING**

**PLEASE BRING A DESSERT + BEVERAGES TO SHARE
DINNER PROVIDED**

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

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!

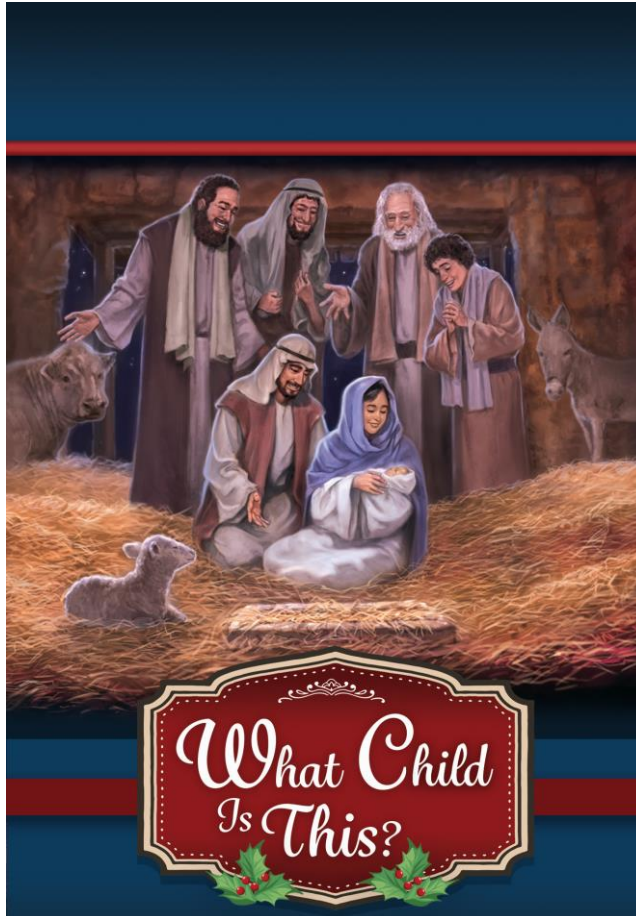
**PLEASE RSVP IN
THE NARTHEX BY
NOVEMBER 25TH**



Advent Services — What Child is This

Weekly Services Begin December 5th

*Join us for Midweek Advent Service and Dinner!
Dinner begins at 6:00pm followed by church service at 7:00.*



Youth Group Fundraisers!

2 Ways you can help the Youth Group get to the LCMS Youth Convention??

1. Pick an Envelope from the board
2. Donate the same amount of money as the number on the envelope
3. Return the envelope by November 25th
4. For every \$1000 raised the Youth Group will host an event for the congregation



Soups On! The Youth will be selling soup on Dec. 2nd between services. You can sample the soups made by the youth and purchase 32oz containers. The soup will be delivered on Sunday December 9th & 16th



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Banner Project



Sanctuary with new banners

A Banner Fund has been created to raise money for the purchase of new banners for the front walls of our sanctuary. These handcrafted banners will be designed to coordinate beautifully with the new altar/pulpit paraments that were purchased last year. We are hoping to purchase banners for our new green, white, blue & red parament sets. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please write “Banner Fund” on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you!



Sanctuary with new banners

The Annual Concordia of the South Hills
Holiday Shopping Event

Tuesday, December 4
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Retirement Living Common Area

Shop for everyone on your list!
Get something special for yourself!

Auction Baskets, Jewelry, Fashion Accessories,
Ornaments, Art Work and Holiday Decorations

Proceeds benefit the Concordia of the South Hills Caring Fund.

*For more information call 412-294-1306.
1300 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243*

Complimentary valet parking available





JOIN US
FOR CONCORDIA'S
SIXTH ANNUAL
LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 16

148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023
(Entrance #5, Haven II)

Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- *Featuring Concordia staff and residents*
- *Live animals*
- *Hot beverages and refreshments (indoors)*
- *Gift for children 12 and under*
- *Live Christmas music (indoors)*
- *Free admission*

This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8343 or visit www.concordialm.org.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “Gospel Procession”?

You may sometimes see the Gospel reading take place in a different part of the church. On special Sundays, the Bible is carried into the center of the congregation where the pastor reads the Gospel to the people. There may also be some festive music or singing. After the reading, while the Bible is being carried back to its place, there may be more music and singing. This ceremony is called the Gospel Procession.

Why do we have a Gospel Procession?

Jesus is the living Word. He set us free from the burden of sin through His life, death and resurrection. A Gospel Procession reminds us that this wonderful news is to be carried into the whole world. Jesus came for all people and He offers eternal life to all who believe by the power of the Holy Spirit! Wow! A Gospel Procession is a wonderful thing!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, remind your children of the meaning of the Gospel Procession. When it is taking place, point out the reverent way the pastor, crucifer, and/or assistants move. Reverence and humility are shown to the One who is truly among us declaring the Good News of forgiveness of sins by His Word! Read John 1:1–3, 14 and discuss it with your children. How is Jesus described in this reading?