

Zion Lutheran Church



December 16th, 2018
Third Sunday in Advent



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www.zlcb.org

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

C Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*


who keeps faith for- | ever;
 who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
 who gives food to the | hungry.
 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
 The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.
 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] Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
 again I will say, | Rejoice.

Kyrie

[C] Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



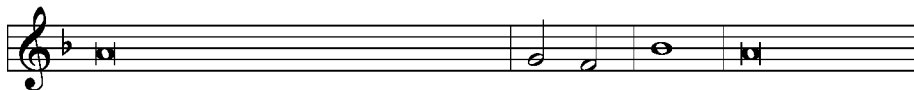
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



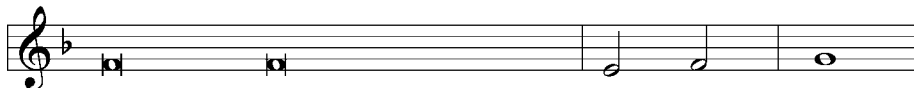
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



☐ The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
Behold, at that time I will deal



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in your mercy.

C ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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."

Pax Domini



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



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



- world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



- tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Let Us Walk with Jesus #685

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #641

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee #632

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

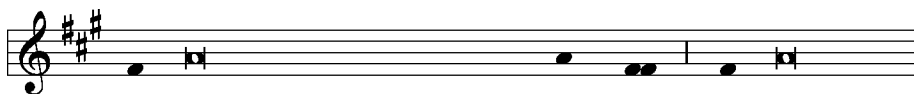


A Bless we the Lord.

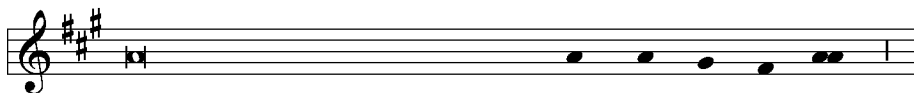


C Thanks be to God.

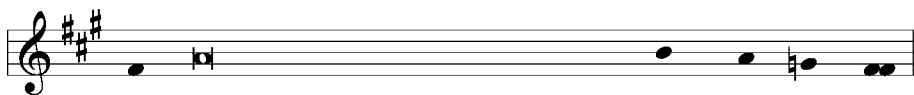
Benediction



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



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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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, Laverne Eckels and Irene Bourg.

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

- 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 (12/9) – 178

Midweek Worship Attendance (12/12) - 65

Sunday Offering (12/9) - \$7,153.00

Advent Service Offering - \$256.00

~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:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Max Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Brittany & Norm Dill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier & Lydia Grimenstein (8:00) Kari & John Gresh Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Susie Bishop

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December 16th – December 23rd

SUNDAY 12/16	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM - Christmas Program Luncheon 1:00 PM – Sunday School Christmas Program
MONDAY 12/17	6:00 PM - Confirmation Class 1 st Year 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class 2 nd Year
TUESDAY 12/18	6:15 PM – Grace Ringers 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Ringers
WEDNESDAY 12/19	6:00 PM – Advent Family Dinner 7:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 12/20	
FRIDAY 12/21	
SATURDAY 12/22	
SUNDAY 12/23	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 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 Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of grandparents Julia and Andrew Wagner.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Megan Richards in Memory of mother, Luella 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES...Are available at the back of the church. Please pick up your offering envelopes this Sunday. Any questions please contact Nancy Klemash.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE music will begin at 6:00pm (1 hour before service) on Christmas Eve. Join us early to enjoy the musical talents of Zion's members.

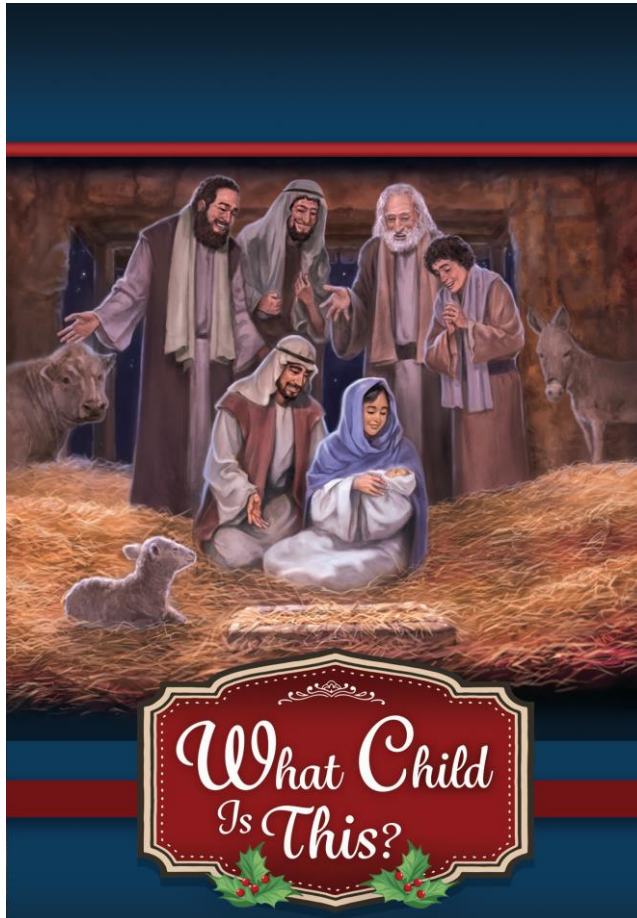
YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS... Thank you so much to all of those that purchased soup last Sunday and contributed to the envelope fundraiser. Both were a huge success! Don't forget if you ordered soup to pick up today your soup is available in the kitchen. Mark your calendar for our next fundraiser which will be on Sunday December 30th at 9:00am. We will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser!

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)

Advent Services — What Child is This

Weekly Services on Wednesday's

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



TODAY!

December 16th 1 PM



Featuring:

Adult Choir Faith Bell Choir Grace Bell Choir
Instrumentalists.... *brass, cello, guitar, organ, piano, violin*
Men's Choir Sunday School Students Vocalists



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.





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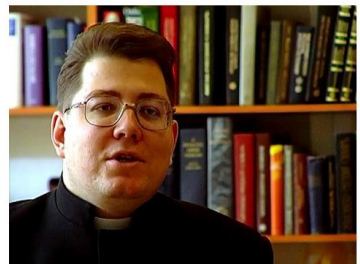
Invites you to come and hear
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, rector of the
Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia

Saturday, January 5th
Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville
3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville PA

Noon: Champagne Luncheon & presentation
1:00pm: Epiphany Service of Prayer & Preaching
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, guest preacher

"AFTER 70 YEARS OF DEVASTATING ATHEISM AND 10 YEARS OF INFILTRATION OF ALL KINDS OF SECTS AND CULTS INTO RUSSIA, PEOPLE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE SHALLOW TALKER WHO IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE POP PSYCHOLOGIST. PEOPLE LONG FOR DEEP THEOLOGY AND FOR THE REAL SACRAMENTS . . . AS LUTHERANS WE KNOW THAT ONLY CONFSSIONAL LUTHERAN TEACHING CAN GIVE PEOPLE THE PURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SO THAT THEY COULD FIND REAL COMFORT IN THE TRUE GOSPEL.."

- REV. ALEXEI STRELTSOV



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YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Pancake Fundraiser Dec. 30th @ 9:00am. Join us between services for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. All monies earned will go towards the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer!!



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Youth Group Lock in. All youth are invited to attend this event. Friday January 4th to Saturday January 5th.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means “coming.” During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story?

The Advent of Christ has three parts. God’s Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God’s Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



Parents:

When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!

