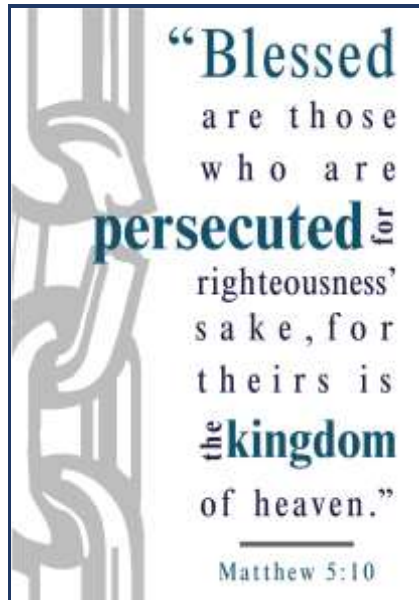


# Zion Lutheran Church



November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
All Saints’ Day



## **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 -- [zlcg.org](http://zlcg.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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

## Opening Hymn – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #670

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”  
Thou bearer of the\_ eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!”  
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- △ 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!”  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

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**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.

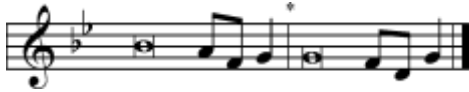
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.

## The Service of the Word



**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

**C** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

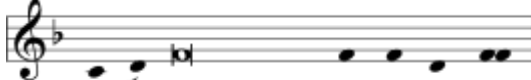
as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

### Kyrie



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



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



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



**C** 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.

# This Is the Feast


*Refrain*




**1** 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*

*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.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## First Reading – Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (8:00)**

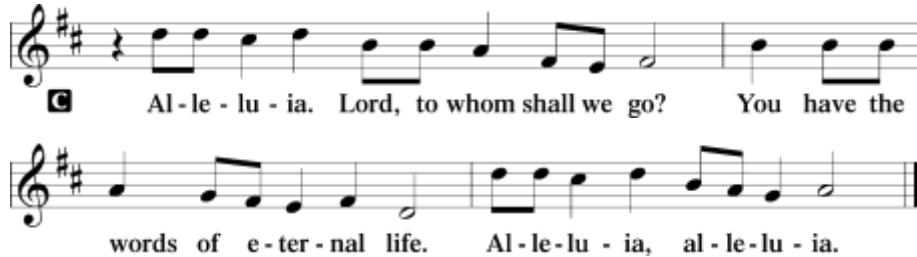
### Epistle Reading – 1 John 3:1–3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

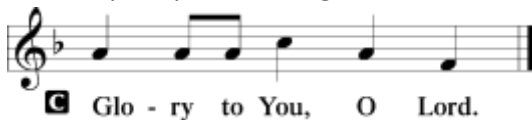
### Alleluia and Verse



**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. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

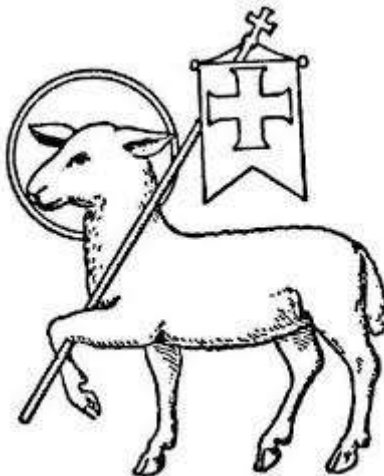
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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



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



Hymn of the Day – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White #676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
Word a - broad; Re - joyce and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joyce In our Re - deem - er's song!

## 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.

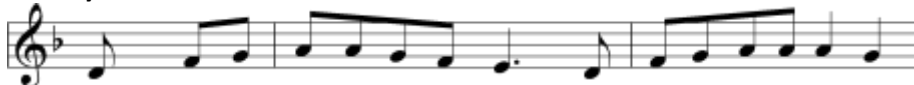
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** ... Lord have mercy.

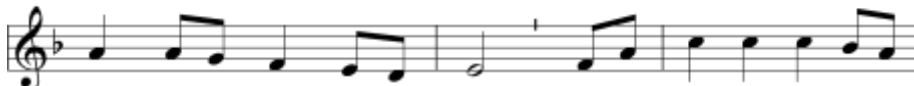
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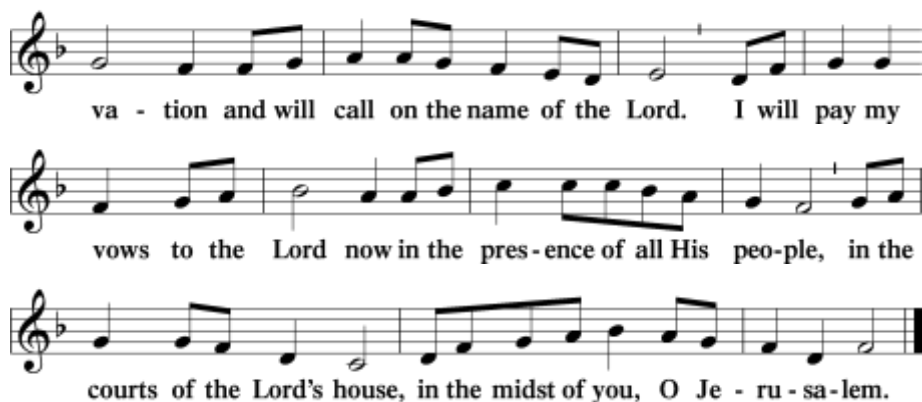
**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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.



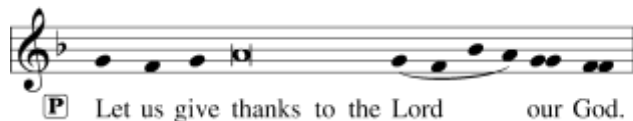
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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



**G** 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



**G** 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.

**C 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.

**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.

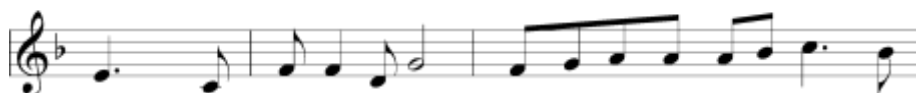
### Agnus Dei



**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.

### Distribution

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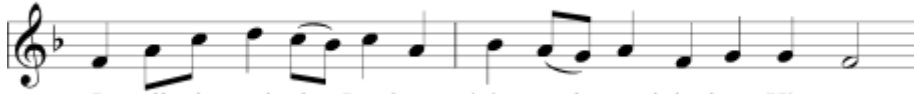
### Distribution Hymns

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive	#609
O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing	#635
Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs	#812

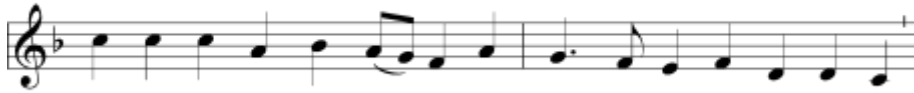
## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## 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.



**C** A - men.



## 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.

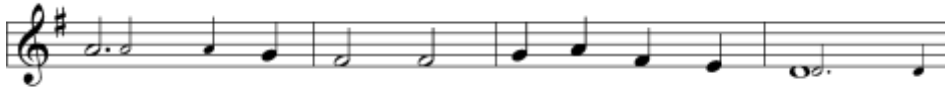


**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn – For All the Saints #677



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; And  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
We feeblely struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Cont'd.*

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's  
farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the  
countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!



## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-**Healing for:** Pastor Bob McCanless, Ruth Collura, Grant German, Ted Siek, Albert Hatala, Dennis Finney, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Eva Bukovitz, Megan Richards, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Mabel Granke, and Jennifer Meyer.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-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 godly care of the earth.



## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Bob Schmidt, Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Decklan Pasquini (8:00) Christian Bonacci (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) Shane Bryant, Bill & Ken Schrag, Tim Sheldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Clara Hayes in memory of husband, Paul Hayes, and by Joyce Wood in memory of husband, Tom Wood.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Ann Klemash in memory of her mother and father, Louis and Anna Mitchell.

**PARENTS ...** A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items.



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/31) – 57 (8 am); 85 (10:30 am)

Wednesday Worship Attendance (11/3) – 9 (7 pm)

Sunday Plate Offering (10/31) – \$3477 Online Offering – \$955

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*

## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>11/7</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:00 AM – Breakfast Burrito Youth Fundraiser 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>11/8</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> yr Confirmation 6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>11/9</b>	
<b>WED</b> <b>11/10</b>	2:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching, Bible study 7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching, Bible study
<b>THU</b> <b>11/11</b>	6:00 PM -- Adult Confirmation 7:00 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/12</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>11/13</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>11/14</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION      SPARE CHANGE SUNDAY</b>

# Youth News & Events

**Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser** will be held between services today in the Fellowship Hall. Come hungry to support a great cause!

**A Trivia Game Night** will be held **Friday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited and encouraged to join us! Here's how it works: A variety of popular trivia games will be played at tables of six players. So, round up six family members or friends, and reserve your table for \$50 by Sunday 11/14! Dinner included in the reservation price.

**Christmas Gifts in a Jar** may be ordered beginning in November. Each jar contains a delicious treat mix that makes preparation at home quick and easy. They make perfect Christmas gifts! **See order form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and start your Christmas shopping early!**

## **Spare Change Sundays**

*Every bit – large and small – helps our fundraising efforts!*

**On Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** each Zion family will receive a change container. Folks can take the containers home to deposit spare change (or paper bills, if you prefer!) throughout the week. When you're ready to turn-in your container of coins/bills, bring it to church **any Sunday from Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Simply empty your container into the large collection jar in the back of the sanctuary labeled "Spare Change Sunday" ... you can take it home again to re-fill, if you like. It's that easy! A little spare change from each us can go a long way in supporting our youth in their goal of attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston! Questions? ... please feel free to see Carrie Lemonovich or reach out to her at [clemonovich@yahoo.com](mailto:clemonovich@yahoo.com) or (412)260-9344.



# This Week in Sunday School

## A recap of today's SS teaching for Zion Parents & Students

### BIBLE VERSE

[Nothing] will be able to separate us from  
the love of God.

Romans 8:39

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Through the prophet Ahijah, Jeroboam learns he will lead ten tribes of a divided kingdom. Rehoboam, Solomon's heir, ignores the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatens to make their workload even more difficult.

Angered by his response, the ten tribes of Israel separate, making Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead the tribes of Judah and Benjamin from Jerusalem. Jeroboam places golden calves in Bethel and Dan, telling the people they no longer need to go to Jerusalem to worship. The kingdom of David was divided, never to be brought together again in the same way. Believers of all ages now look to the Son of David to bring all nations together into His kingdom.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—Who are some people God puts in your life to guide you in the right direction?
- ▶ *At Mealt ime*—What are some ways our sin divides us from each other? What hope do we have that can bring us back together?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Divide a piece of paper into twelve pieces, like the prophet Ahijah did with his cloak. On six pieces, write different ways you can honor God. On the other six, write down ways God has blessed you. Then, arrange the pieces into the shape of a cross. Thank God that through Jesus, we are no longer divided from Him.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Pray together that your country and its leaders would serve with wisdom.



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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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### **What is "All Saints' Day"?**

All Saints' Day is the day during the Church Year that we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

### **Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day?**

The word "saint" comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means "holy" or "sacred." Saints are God's holy people. We thank God for the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God's great mercy in their lives!

### **Do you have to die to be a saint?**

No way! All of God's faithful people are His saints! We were washed clean of our sins at our Baptism and made holy before God. That's what it means when we hear God's Word say: "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14). Isn't it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection? He gives all of this to us through Baptism. He is the one who makes us a saint!



**Parents:** Talk to your children about those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God's promises at our Baptism.

