

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely I am coming soon."

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20 ESV

*Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 20, 2011*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November 20, 2011



The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Bob James in honor of Shelly's birthday and by Jack & Jacque Oelschlager in memory of their Loved Ones.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of God by Michael & Deborah Sterba in honor of their granddaughter Claire's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Beginning **today**, you may order **POINSETTIAS** to remember the special people in your life and to decorate our altar area during Christmas. You may order the flowers until December 11th. Order forms are available on the Narthex and Greenhouse tables. Please return the form with your payment to the box on the Narthex table.

The Tuesday evening **Ladies Bible Study** will be taking a hiatus following Thanksgiving. Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the final study until further notice.

**Thanksgiving Eve service** will be this Wednesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mid-week **Advent services** will be Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm with dinner served in the undercroft at 6:00 pm.

**BLOOD DRIVE!** Did you remember to call us to schedule your appointment to donate at our **Thanksgiving Weekend Blood Drive**? Next Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> is our blood drive to help area patients during the holiday season. Did you know that every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion and donations go down over the holidays? You are needed to donate blood for a variety of patients such as: cancer and leukemia, hip replacement, organ transplant, car accident and burn victims, newborn babies, open-heart surgeries, trauma cases, etc. The drive will be held next **Saturday, November 26th, 2011 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. To schedule your lifesaving appointment, go to [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org) and use sponsor code Q0060008 or call 1-866-donors1 or 412-209-7622. All registered donors will receive two movie tickets to Carmike Cinemas!



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### **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!**

The End! After eleven months, we have made it all the way through the Gospel of John. We've seen Jesus perform sign after sign, pointing to his identity as the one sent from the Father and one with the Father. We've seen Jesus confound his religious and social opponents. We've seen him pray with and for his disciples. And we've seen him suffer and die at the hands of those he came to save. We've seen him conquer death, commission his disciples, show that faith comes from the hearing of the Word and we've seen Peter be restored and commissioned. This week, we will encounter the last event in John's Gospel.

In our other two readings this morning, we will see how the books of Deuteronomy (the last book written by Moses) and Revelation (the last book written by John, and the last book in our Bible) end. Why? In Deuteronomy, I think you'll see some similarities with the conclusion of the Gospel of John. And Revelation? The ending of the last of John's books and the conclusion of our Bible.

I want us to look at the endings of these books because in them we see what Moses and John wanted to leave us with; the last impression they wanted to make and the last chance they had to get us to believe what they wanted us to believe.

I think you'll agree that, in all three cases, the authors saved the best for last. In Deuteronomy, Moses leaves us wondering: who will be the one who will be greater than Moses? In John, we are left believing in Christ as our Savior. And in Revelation, we are left believing in and hoping for the return of Christ at the end of the age. The best for last, indeed!

Blessings on your Christ-centered worship!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

## *The Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

## *Opening Prayer*

Pastor: Father in heaven, today we complete our study of the Gospel of John. Thank you for revealing your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through your Word. Thank you for revealing Him to us as our savior and brother. Keep us faithful to Him until He comes.

People: **Amen**

*Opening Hymn:* The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done 464

## *The Invocation*

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

People: **Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution* (Matthew 28:18-20)

*Admonition to confess our sins.*

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Luke 18:13)

***The Absolution*** (spoken by the Pastor)

**People:** Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

***The Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast***

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*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (*Refrain*)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (*Refrain*)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (*Final Refrain*)

***The Prayer of the Church***

**Pastor:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

## **The Service of the Word**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:5-12**

*The conclusion of the book of Deuteronomy.*

So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and he buried him in the valley of the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days and weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### ***Choir Anthem (10:30)***

### **The New Testament Lesson: Revelation 22:17-21**

*The conclusion of the book of Revelation.*

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory to Thee, O Lord!**

### **The Gospel: John 21:20-25**

*The conclusion of the Gospel of John.*

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

***The Children's Message*** (10:30)

***The Sermon Hymn:*** Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 655

***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Creed:*** Nicene Creed 158

(Please be seated)

***The Collection of the Offering***

(Please stand)

## The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: This morning, Christ comes to us with his body and blood to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and give a visible sign to the unity we have in him. In doing so, he has given us an opportunity to proclaim his death until he comes. As you remember his death and look forward to his return, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Words of Institution*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

### *The Sharing of the Peace*

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

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

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

### *The Distribution*

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you

hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

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

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

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

## ***Readings from the Gospel of John***

(Please stand)

### ***Post-Communion Canticle***

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*Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.*

*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.*

*He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

### ***Benediction***

Pastor:           The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People:           **Amen!**

### ***The Recessional: Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

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† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Jay Anderson
The Acolytes:	Anthony Vallelunga & Mitchell Fitzgerald
The Greeters:	George & Jane Kozak and Rose Steranko
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, & Jack Oelschlager and Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash, Steve Kovach, & Andy Weldon
Altar Guild:	Vickie Buzzelli, Kathleen Conn, & Shelly James

## Did you know that Lutheran Hour Ministries designs and builds a float every year for the Tournament of Roses Parade?

This year, the Tournament of Roses Parade will be on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The theme for the 2012 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is “Just Imagine” and this year's LHM Float theme is “God's Promise to All.” 2012 marks our 62nd year of participation and the LHM Float continues to be the only Christian Float in the world's most famous media event.

God's Promise for All is based on John 3:36, “Whoever believes in (Jesus) will have eternal life.” The float depicts God's greatest promise, a promise which He made to all—every male or female, young or old, to every nation around the world—that there is eternal life for those who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for their salvation.

While the Tournament of Roses Parade is on most network channels, (ABC, CBS, NBC), the Lutheran Hour Float is not guaranteed coverage due to commercials and/or other TV commitments. For the best viewing of the parade, the Home and Garden channel shows the parade in its entirety on cable TV. Check your local listings for time and channel.



