

# Zion Lutheran Church



November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Twenty - Third Sunday after  
Pentecost



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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 in the Lutheran Service Book found in the pew.

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** You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\*  
He is their help | and their shield.
- C** Why should the | nations say,\*  
“Where | is their God?”
- Our God is in the | heavens;\*  
he does all that he | pleases.
- Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,\*  
the work of | human hands.
- Those who make them be- | come like them;\*  
so do all who | trust in them.
- The dead do not | praise the LORD,\*

nor do any who go down into | silence.  
 But we will | bless the LORD\*  
 from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!  
 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** You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\*  
 He is their help | and their shield.

### 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.

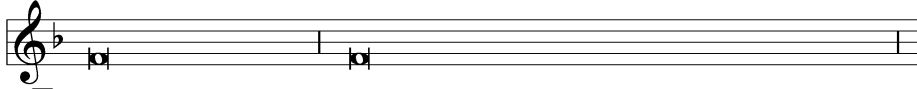
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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.



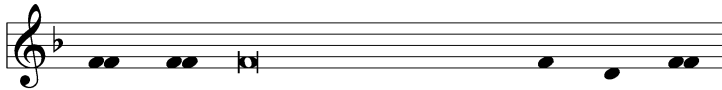
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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*

**■** 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*

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading - Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk

and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ***10:30am – Adult Choir – Standin in the Need of Prayer***

#### **Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17**

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .



But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**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. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



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

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In

the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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



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

## **Sermon Hymn – From God Can Nothing Move Me**

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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** *(Please fill out the Red Attendance booklet at the end of your pew)*

### 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.



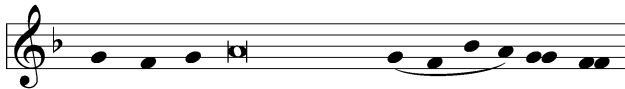
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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

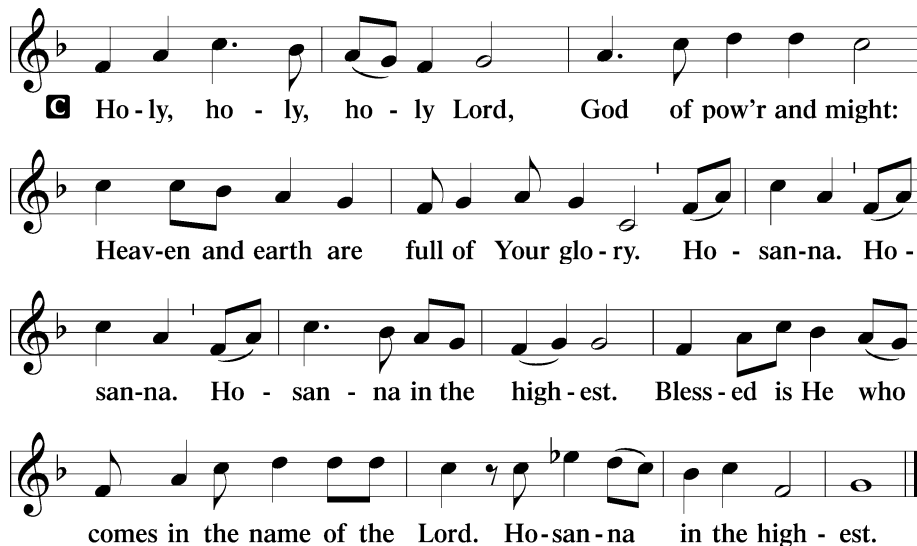


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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, 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



**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.

**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 ✠ 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.

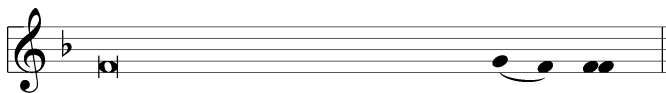
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- 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.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**G** 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

### Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

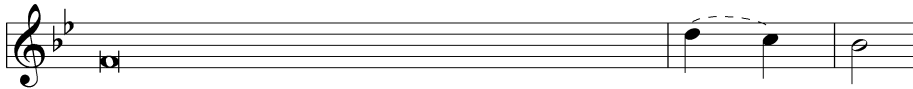
Be Still My Soul #771

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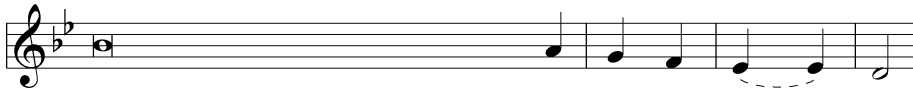
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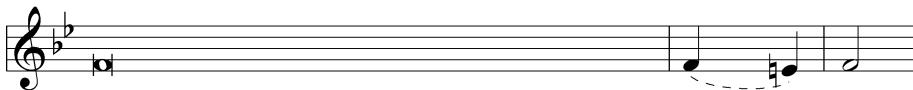
## Te Deum



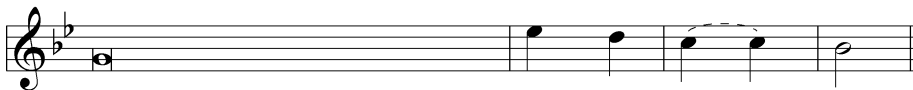
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 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:

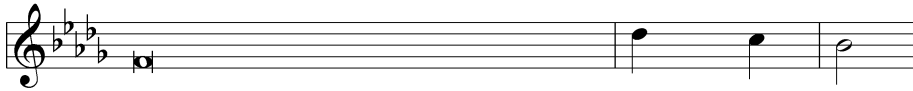


- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;

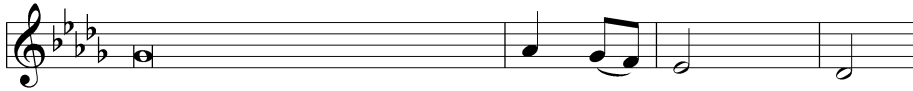


- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

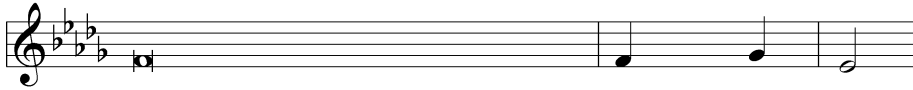




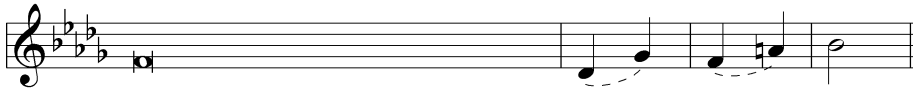
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



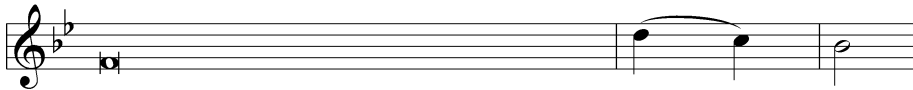
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



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



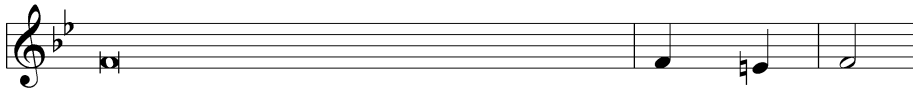
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



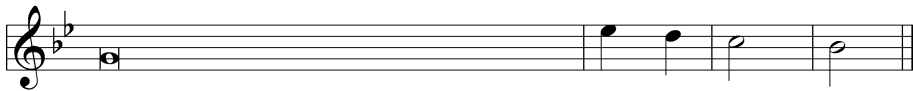
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,



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



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints

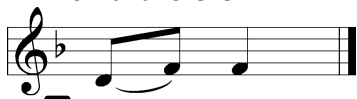


7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.

## Post-Communion Collect

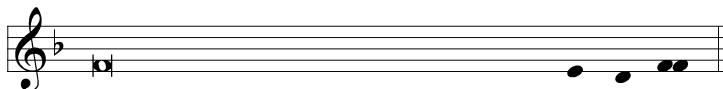
**A** Let us pray.

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** 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Helen Erbrecht, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Lou Mitchell, Brent Miller, Chuck Koester, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Jamie Kistler, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, Tom Richards and Tim Fitzgerald.

-**For our missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma.

-**For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbiger who is deployed in Iraq.

-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 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:	Bill Bishop & Brian Pasquini
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Max Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) Jane & Mike Kozak (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Megan Pasquini Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn
Nursery:	Megan Meyer & Barb Oechslein

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/3) – 148  
Midweek Worship Attendance (11/6) - 13  
Sunday Offering (11/3) \$6,309.00  
Online Offering - \$975.00

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

# November 10<sup>th</sup> - November 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11/10</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>11/11</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>11/12</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>11/13</b>	7:00 PM – Midweek Service & Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>11/14</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>11/15</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>11/16</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 8:00 AM – Youth Group Volunteering @ Food Bank
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11/17</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Special Voters Meeting 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dan & Tracey Harris in celebration of Sydney's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and The Klemash Family in honor of all veterans and in memory of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames in memory of loved ones.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING...** We will have a SPECIAL voter's meeting Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> between services. A motion will be made to modify the Church & Preschool secretarial roles and hours. We need a quorum for this motion to be presented and voted on. This will be the only order of business so we encourage all to attend!

**GIVING TREE...** Starting November 10<sup>th</sup> the giving tree will be set up in the back of the church. Please select an angel and purchase a gift for those in need this Christmas. The gifts are due back no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DINNER & A SHOW...** Mark your calendars for our all church Christmas Celebration. We will have dinner followed by the Christmas program presented by the Sunday School children and some of our Zion musicians. The celebration will be on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00pm. More details to come.

**YOUTH GROUP...** Mark your calendar for our next youth group meeting. It will be on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be volunteering at the Bridgeville Food Bank. More details to come!

**ONLINE DONATIONS** can be made for your weekly offering. Go to our website and click on donate and then set up an account. This is an easy way to do your weekly offering when traveling.

**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)

**ONLINE SERVICE...** Want to watch the service if you missed church or if you just want to watch again? We now have video that you can access to watch! Download a QR code reader then scan the QR code provided!

## SPECIAL Voter's Meeting

Join us today between services for a SPECIAL Voter's Meeting on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will only be one motion made at this meeting. We will be presenting a motion to modify the Church and Preschool secretarial roles and hours. We need a quorum to present and vote on this motion. This will be the only order of business.

We encourage all members to attend the meeting.



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## Video of Services Now Available!

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It's easy! ... go to [zlcb.org/video](http://zlcb.org/video) to view the video, or download a QR code reader then scan the QR code provided!

VIDEO: Sunday October 13, 2019 - Complete Service



SCAN ME!!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help wanted for our new Media Team!

We are looking for volunteers to work with Brent on publishing our worship services online. Training will be provided! This is open to anyone confirmation age and up! Contact [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org) if you are interested.



# MEDIA TEAM





## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



### What are people doing on their knees?

During the Divine Service we do things that may seem a little weird. One of the things that we do during Confession and Absolution and at the Lord's Supper is something that you may not see anywhere else. You don't see it in a movie theater or the grocery store. Have you guessed what it is yet? Maybe you do it at home during family devotions or while you are saying your bedtime prayers. If you guessed "kneeling" then you are right!

### Why do we kneel in the Divine Service?

Kneeling is a good way to show true humility in the Divine Service, because God is truly present. The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, comes to be with us. It is here that He gives us the good gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Paul says, "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).



**Parents:** Encourage your children to watch for different times during the Divine Service when the congregation kneels. Practice kneeling during family devotions and during personal prayer time. Be a living example of this gesture of humility.

