Zion Lutheran Church



November 8th, 2020 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



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. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

Opening Hymn – O Bless the Lord, My Soul #814 10 bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with in join me 20 bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie 'Tis 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; He re - lieves thy pain; 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave; And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un-thank-ful - ness And with-out prais - es die! 'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness - es And makes thee young a gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save. 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'rers rest. The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed. 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son. 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. **G** 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. **G** 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.

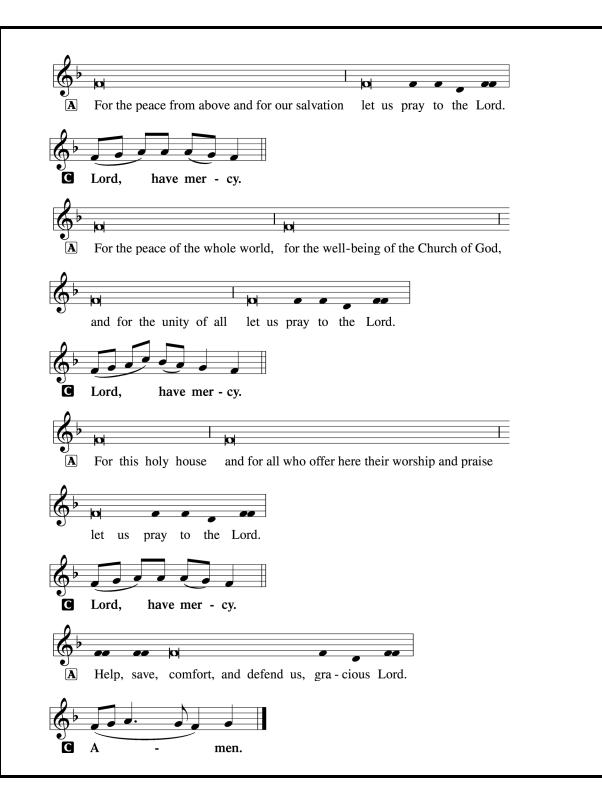
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

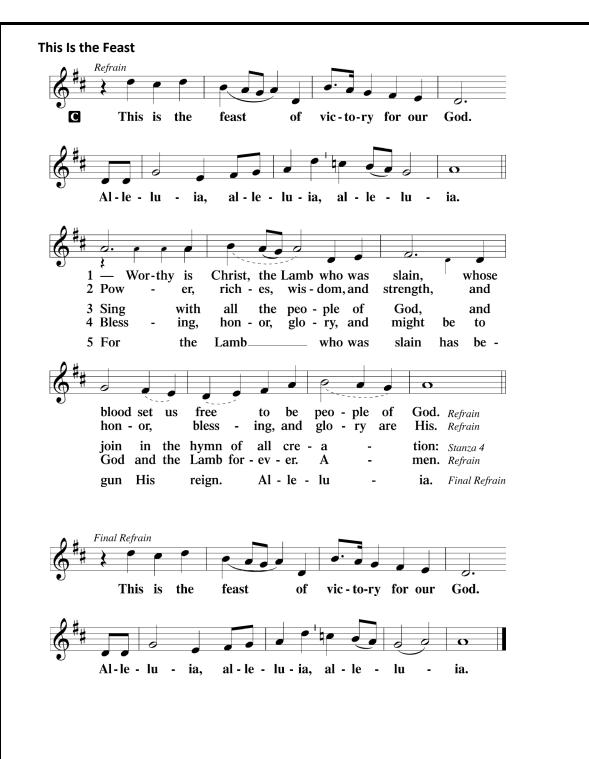
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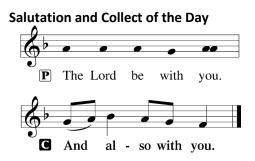


peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.







P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading -- Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion. and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

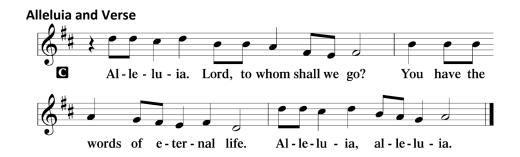
Faith Bell Choir - How Firm a Foundation (8:00 am) Grace Bell Choir - A Mighty Fortress (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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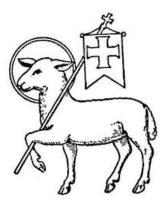
Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."





Hymn of the Day – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying #516 1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly ing," The watch-men on the 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing ing, And all her heart with 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Let saints and an - gels Thee, "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, heights are cry - ing; a - rise!" She wakes, she ris - es from joy is spring - ing; her gloom. be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est sing tone. Mid-night hears the wel-come voic - es And at the thrill-ing For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in shin-ing por -Where, join-ing with the Of one pearl each tal, "Oh, where are ye, ye vir Her star is ris'n, her light cry re - joic - es: vir - gins wise? truth vic - to - rious; is come. choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne. The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Now come, Thou Bless-ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al Your-selves pre care pare Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly θ То Bride-groom, who near." is meet the То eat the Sup - per at Thy call. Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

G 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,

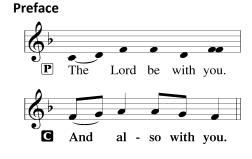
the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

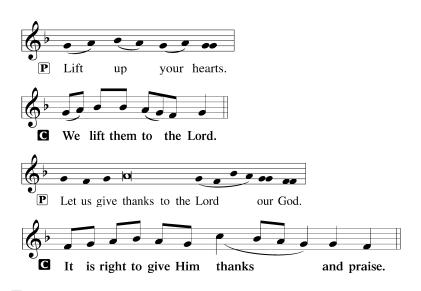
Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 ⅓ 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."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.



Distribution

Distribution Hymns

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us	#514
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	#621
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray	#663

Te Deum O **C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. 2 Holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a oth: -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: Christ: Θ 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry: praise_ 2 The goodly fellowship of the prophets You. 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son of ther. the Fa

o 5 When You took upon Yourself to de liv er man, of God O 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of vir gin. a 6 in the glory of ther. the Fa -O death, will come O 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev ers. 6 to be_____ our_ judge. O 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 O 7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

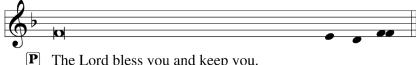
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



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.





Closing Hymn – How Great Thou Art #801

 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

> Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
- But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

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

-Healing for: Lois Sauro, Natalia Gonzalez, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and 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: Will Schrag (8:00) Olivia Bonacci (10:30) Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager Ushers: Brian & Megan Pasquini Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Esther Finney in memory of her husband Sidney Finney, Catherine & Arthur Johnson, and Mildred & Earl Finney.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Lois Klemash in memory of her parents.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS/TEENS has begun a new book of the Bible. Join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall as we dive into the book of Esther!



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/1) – 44 (8 am); 63 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (11/4) – 11 Saturday Worship Attendance (10/31) -- 15 Sunday Offering (11/1) – \$3856 Online Offering – \$2960

The Week Ahead at Zion

SUNDAY 11/8 Food bank collection	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 11/9	6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir; Board of Ed Mtg; College Care Packs 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUESDAY 11/10	
WEDNESDAY 11/11	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 11/12	7:00 PM – Council Meeting
FRIDAY 11/13	
SATURDAY 11/14	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at <u>www.signupgenius.com</u> or call Susie at 412-977-9066.
SUNDAY 11/15	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

HIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

P: Let us pray to the lord

What is the "Prayer of the Church"?

The Prayer of the Church, or the "general

prayer" as it's sometimes called, is the part in the service where the pastor leads us through a series of petitions, or prayers, with

R LORD, HAVE MERCY

responses from the congregation. For example, after each petition the pastor may say: "Let us pray to the Lord," and the congregation may respond with "Lord, have mercy." See if you can find the Prayer of the Church in your hymnal. Try to find the other response that the pastor and congregation might say.

Why do we do this in the Divine Service?

Do you know anyone who needs praying for? Wouldn't you like to have the rest of the congregation praying for that person too? During the Prayer of the Church, we pray for all of the people of our congregation, particularly those who are sick and shut-in. We also pray for our missionaries, for our government, for all believers and many others. No wonder it's called the Prayer of the Church!



Parents: Before the Divine Service, remind your children to pay close attention to the words of the prayers. Encourage them to join in the responses with the rest of the congregation. Try using these responses in your prayers at home.

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Giving Tree

Starting November 15th, you will have the opportunity to participate in purchasing a gift for a child registered with the Bridgeville Area Food Bank. Due to COVID we have a larger amount of families in need. If you wish to participate, choose an angel gift tag from the tree set up in the back of the church, or contact Barb at boechslein@hotmail.com to receive angel info. Your unwrapped gift



costing around twenty dollars will need to be returned with the gift tag attached no later

than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Zion Lutheran Church is a part of the area ministerial. The ministerial is formed by many local churches in the surrounding Bridgeville area. Volunteers representing the area churches come together to serve the people in need who live in the South Fayette and Chartiers Valley School districts. Our ministry is ongoing throughout the year and serves around 120 families each month.



There are many ways in which you are able to support the food bank throughout the year. You may bring non-perishable food and place it in the tall standing basket in the Narthex. Financially, you may give a cash donation or write a check to the <u>Bridgeville Area</u> Food Bank. The third Saturday of the month between 8:00 AM and

12:00 PM is when we distribute food at the Bethany Presbyterian Church on Washington Pike. We would welcome your help.

If you have any questions about the food bank please don't hesitate to ask.

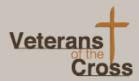
In Christ's Service, Barb Oechslein Bridgeville Area Food Bank Representative

VETERANS OF THE CROSS

"When a retired church worker discovers Veterans of the Cross, they are both amazed and thankful to God who, as we confess in Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, 'richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.' It is truly a source of peace, knowing that they will not have to choose between nutritious food and life-saving prescriptions."

-REV. DR. CARLOS HERNANDEZ

KNOW OF A RETIRED CHURCH WORKER IN NEED? Contact the Rev. Dr. Carlos Hernandez at 314-956-2005 or Carlos. Hernandez@cms.org.





ETIRED CHURCH WORKERS who receive modest or no retirement benefits often struggle to make ends meet, particularly when burdened with health issues or other financial strains. The LCMS responds to the needs of our church's veteran workers by providing pastoral care and case management. The Veterans of the Cross program supplements low or inadequate pensions to help retired workers and their surviving spouses secure necessities, such as medications, food and basic utilities.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT so that our retired church workers can receive this much-needed assistance. Veterans of the Cross is funded by donor-designated contributions as well as by income from a special endowment fund that was established by the Lutheran Laymen's League in 1920.

MAIL GIFTS TO:

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Attn: Veterans of the Cross P.O. Box 66861 St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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