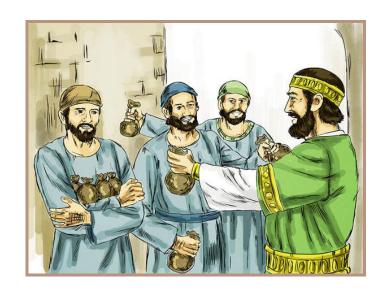
Zion Lutheran Church



November 15th, 2020 Twenty-Fourth 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 Worship the King

- O worship the King, all-glorious above.
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
 Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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- ightharpoonspice In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonspice 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.
- 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.

- 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



- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- **■** Enter not into judgment with your | servant,

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

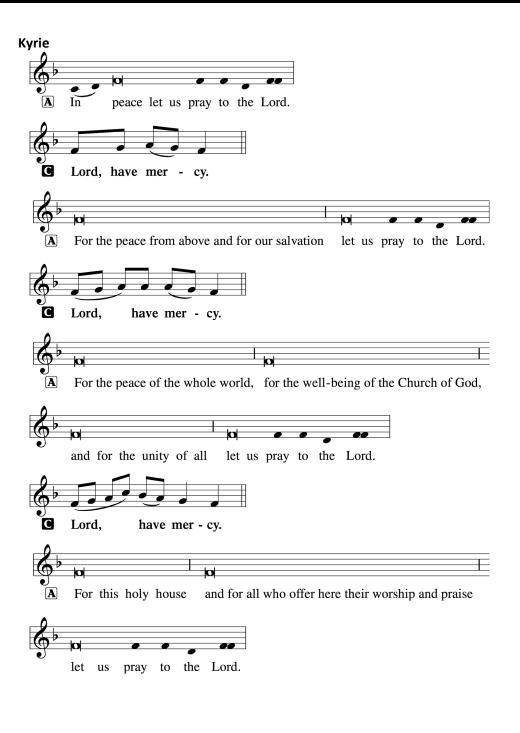
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!





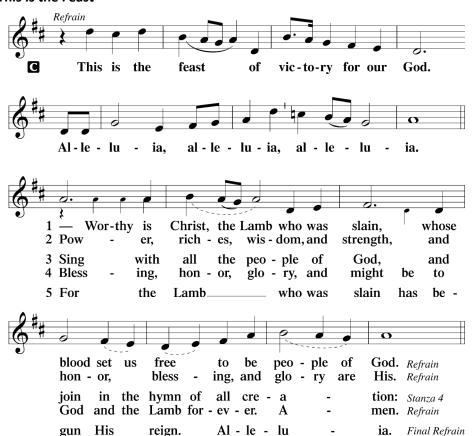
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



This Is the Feast







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 -- Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GoD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail. O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more: all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities

This is the Word of the Lord.

and against the lofty battlements.

Thanks be to God.

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Adult Choir – The Lamb (8:00 am)

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel

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



[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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- 1 The day is sure-ly draw-ing near When Je-sus, God's a-noint-ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o pened then to all, A rec ord tru ly tell ing 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap-And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a - What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures! Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To

Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions.

Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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.

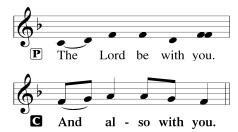
Prayer of the Church

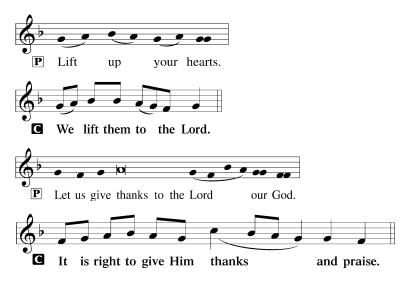
P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

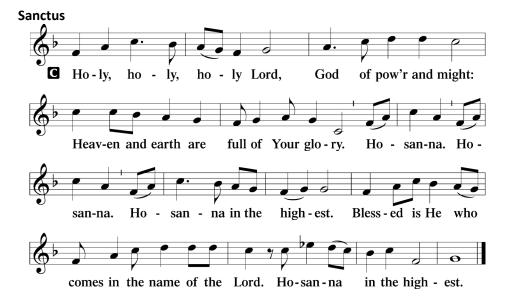
Service of the Sacrament

Preface





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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

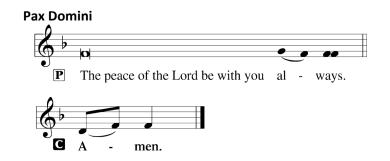
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

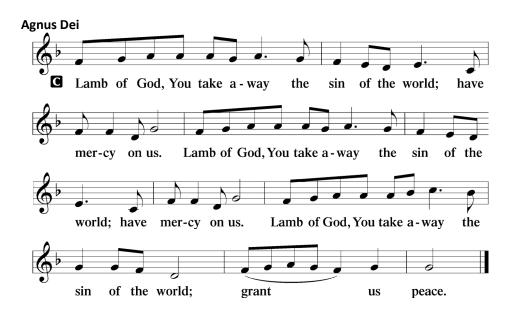
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

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

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior	#627
What Is the World to Me	#730
Lord of Our Life	#659





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



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



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



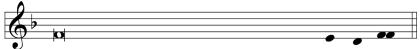
Post-Communion Collect

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

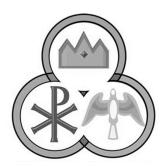


The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







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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, Lois Sauro, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Pastor Wayne Hoffman, Jean Walker, Debra Green, Charles Wallace, Peter Fisher, Natalia Gonzalez, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, 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 **†**

Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein Pastor: Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders: Bob Schmidt, Mike Sterba, John Gielarowski The Acolyte:

Sam Bishop (8:00)

Joshua Grimenstein (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 Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of people affected by COVID, and by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

START YOUR THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION with our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service next Wednesday 11/25 at 7:00 pm.



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/8) – 49 (8 am); 64 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (11/11) – 12 Saturday Worship Attendance (11/7) -- 14 Sunday Offering (11/8) - \$2605 Online Offering – \$1009.67

The Week Ahead at Zion

SUNDAY 11/15	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 11/16	6:00 PM – 1st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUESDAY 11/17	
WEDNESDAY 11/18	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 11/19	
FRIDAY 11/20	
SATURDAY 11/21	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at www.signupgenius.com or call Susie at 412-977-9066.
SUNDAY 11/22	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

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 Bridgeville Area 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



What's a "Kyrie"?

The Kyrie comes from the
Greek words "kyrie eleison"
(pronounced KEER-ee-ay
eh-LAY-zon) which means
"Lord, have mercy." You've
probably noticed that we sing this after we
have confessed our sins and received God's
forgiveness. For example, look to see where
the Kyrie is in the Divine Service.



Why do we ask the Lord to have mercy on us after we have already confessed our sins and been forgiven?

When we sing the Kyrie, we are not making a confession of sins. Instead, we are crying for mercy so that our God would hear us and come to help us in all times of need. It is the first prayer that we pray together in the Divine Service as God's forgiven people!





During worship, help your children to recognize the Kyrie and its place in our worship. You may want to practice saying "Kyrie Eleison" with them. After they have mastered the pronunciation, praise them for having learned a bit of the Greek language!



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

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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.

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