# Zion Lutheran Church



# October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Seventeenth 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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.

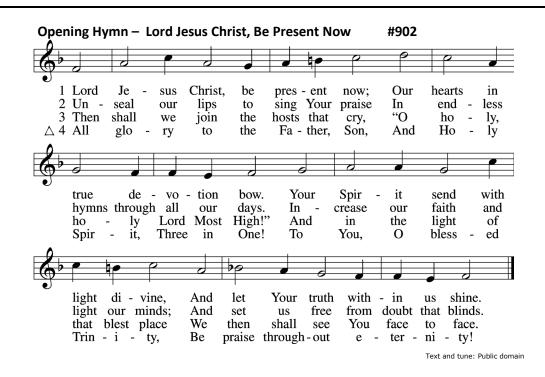
## **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

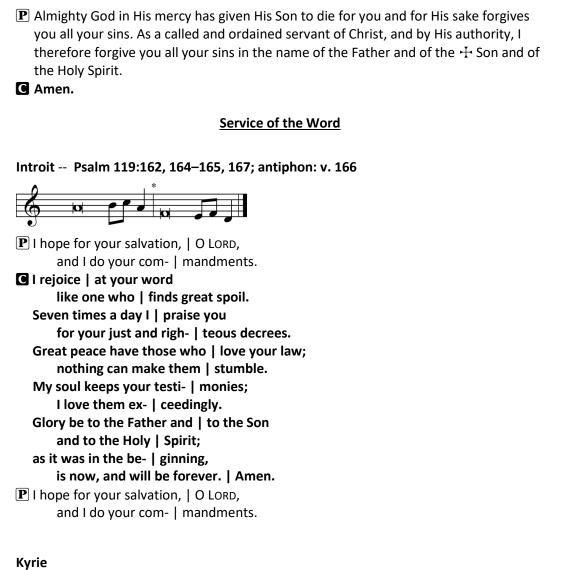
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

# **Our Worship**

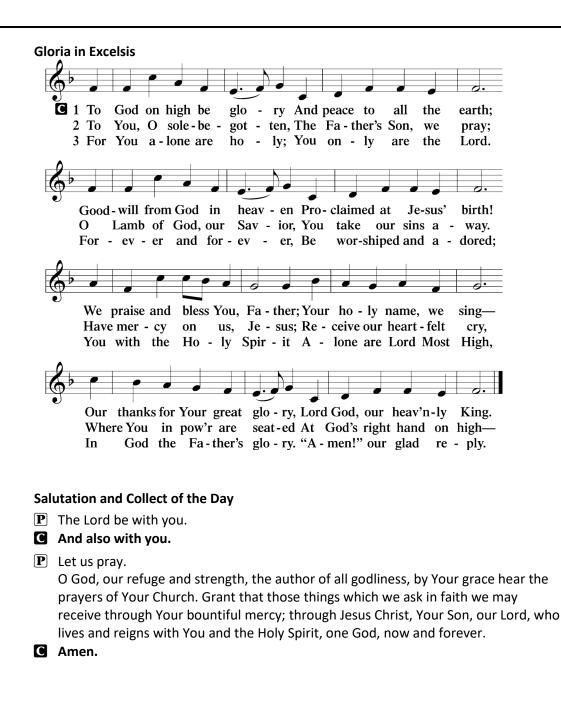
Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.







## Old Testament Reading – Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me: strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it: it will surely come; it will not delay. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith." **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Grace Bell Choir – Be Still My Soul (8:00 am) Men's Choir – Oh Lord We Praise Thee (10:30 am)

#### Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

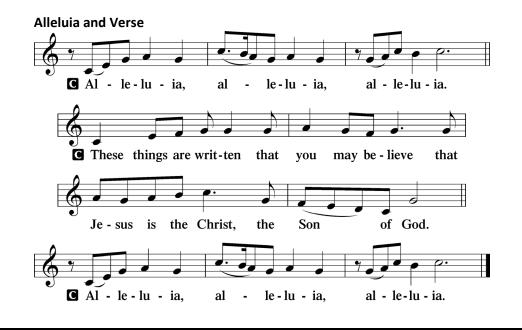
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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



#### **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

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

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + f of the world to come. Amen.

#### Hymn of the Day – I Know My Faith Is Founded

 I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word. Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound; Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground. God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure; And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

#### #587

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
  But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;
  And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
  Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
  Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
- In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain; And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You, Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.
  In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,
  Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

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#### Sermon

Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

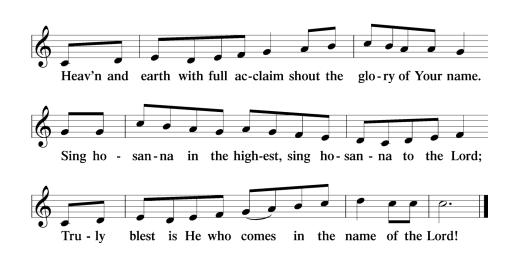
Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary.

#### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

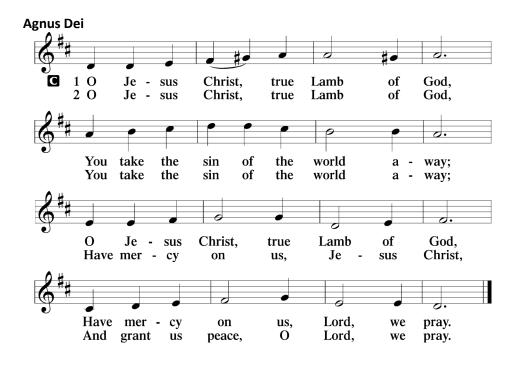
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### Distribution

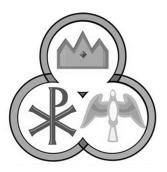
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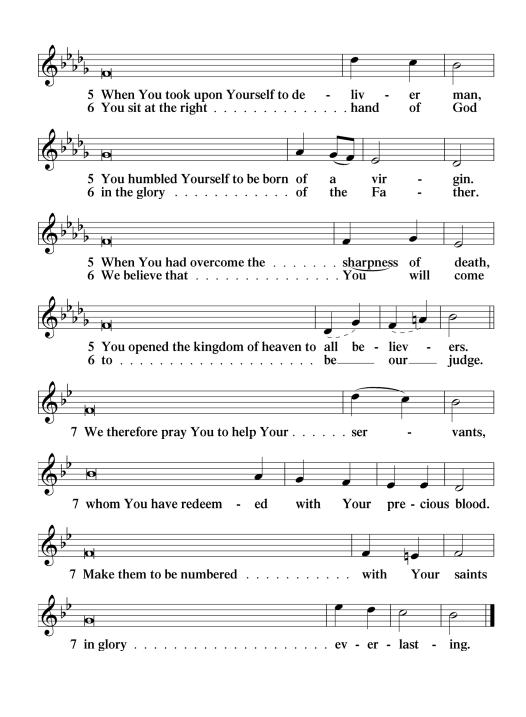
#### **Distribution Hymns**

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"	#843
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	#637
Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment	#511



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





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** 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 Amen.

#### Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### 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.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn – Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good #819 high - est good, The 1 Sing praise to God, the au-thor of cre -2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In He mer - cv is 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress: 0 God, in mer cy 4 He shall for - sake His flock, His cho-sen nev - er gen er -5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and The God who tion, of love un der - stood а ning shade keep ing. By morn - ing glow eve or hear Our Sav - ior saw help - less - ness us. our their rock. tion: He is their ref uge and а glo Let all who know His pow'r pro-claim ry. Our need for His sal - va tion. With heal-ing balm our His eye is nev er sleep ing. With - in the king - dom came with cheer For And peace this we thank and to us. Their peace and their sal - va tion. As with а moth - er's ev - 'ry loud the Cast i - dol Α won - drous sto ry. souls He fills stills: And ev - 'ry faith less mur mur might of His All things are just and good and right: praise the Lord. Who is one and all a - dored: by ten der hand, He leads His own, His cho band: sen from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone: То God all praise glo and ry! То God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise glo and ry! То God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry! Text and tune: Public domain

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

## The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-Healing for: Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Jacque Oelschlager, Bernice DeBoe, Salina Howcroft, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Barb Fisher, Dale Hesse, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Jennifer Meyer, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Eva Bukovitz, Al & Carol Riske, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

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

# The World:

-For peace in Ukraine.

- -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.

# <u>Our Nation:</u>

-For our leaders and government officials.-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.-For the disabled, unborn and aged.



# Service Participants

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director	: Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Roger Diederich, Bob Schmidt (8:00); Bill Bishop, Jim Neill (10:30)
The Acolyte:	Elder (8:00) Kate Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Larry Zreliak (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Luke Lemonovich, Sam Bishop (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Deborah Sterba in honor of her mom Dottie's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday; and by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in celebration of granddaughter Holly's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Alice Miller in memory of her husband Dale.

**Our New Sunday School season** began with Rally Day. Join us each week for Children's classes (ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) at 9:15 in the school wing; Bible Study for Adults and Teens begins at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.



**PARENTS** ... Children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the themes for that week's worship service in a kid-



friendly format. Use them during church or take them home to use later! If your young child becomes fussy during Worship, a Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required.

# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/25) – 60 (8 am); 61 (10:30 am) Sunday Plate Offerings (9/25) – \$1947 Online Offering – \$15,555 *Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>* 

This Week at Zion		
SUN 10/2	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday S 10:30 AM – Worship	School
MON 10/3	6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – Trustees Mtg. 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells	
TUE 10/4		
WED 10/5	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Service & Bible Study	
THU 10/6		
FRI 10/7	12:30 PM – Security training for Zion staff and leaders	Pastor
SAT 10/8		away on vacation
SUN 10/9	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship	
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# Join uz for... **BAREAR BRAGERS BRAGERS BRAGER BRAGER BRAGER BRAGERS BRAGERS BRAGERS BRAGER BRAGER** Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> Noon - 3:000M

Catered German Meal! Beer & Root Beer! Guessing Jars! Pastor's Famous Bingo! Kid Activities - Pumpkin Painting, Pinata, Potato Sack Races! "Pin-the-heart-on-The-Luther-Seal" Steelers Vs Eagles game on the big screen!

# **Advance Tickets Required!**

Adults - \$14 Kids (3-10yrs.) - \$7 2 & under - FREE Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Sunday services!

Questions? Contact events@zlcb.org

Rain or shine!



#### **10K Lutheran Life Bike Ride**

Join Lutherans from local LCMS churches on the 3 River's Heritage Trail from the Hot Metal Bridge to Station Square on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (rain date Oct. 22nd at 9:30 am). Members from Ascension, First Trinity, Peace, Redeemer & Zion Lutheran churches are raising funds for Mary's Place of the South Hills, a Christian maternity home for pregnant and parenting women in need. All funds raised will be matched by the Synod's Million Dollar Life Grant program. Registration is \$5/ind; \$10/fam. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Contact Joy Berardelli for more information to sponsor riders: JoyBerardelli@yahoo.com or 724-601-5057 (cell). Donations can also be forwarded to Peace Lutheran Church, 107 Carol Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Checks made out to Peace Service Team, memo line: 10K Ride.

Good Samaritan Hospice, a subsidiary of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will hold a Youth Bereavement workshop for children and teens (and their caregivers). This free, fall-themed event was developed to help young people manage the death of a loved one.

When: Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1-5 pm Where: The Mansion in Butler, 141 Mansion Ln, Butler, PA



RSVP: 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4426

Volunteers are needed! Please call the number above if you are interested.

# This Week in Zion Sunday School A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

#### **BIBLE VERSE**

God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.

Genesis 22:8

#### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible—sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice.

#### TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—In today's Biblical account, Abraham was asked to make a sacrifice and give up his beloved son Isaac. What makes it difficult to give up something you love?
- At Meal Time—Abraham listened to God even though he must have been sad. How do Abraham's actions show what it means to "fear, love, and trust in God above all things"?
- Something to Do—Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born. Name some other parents and children you can read about in the Bible.
- Before Bed—What other story of a father sacriflcing a son do you know from the Bible? What blessings do you receive because of Jesus' death and resurrection?



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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

# What is the "Offering"?

This is the time during the service when we offer gifts to God with the rest of the congregation. The Offering is concluded with the *Offertory*, which is the song that we sing while these gifts are being presented at the altar.



# Why do we give some of our money to the Church?

The money that we give goes to help support all the work of the church. If you think about it, all that we have is a gift from God. When we give an offering, we are saying thanks to God for all of His wonderful gifts. As

Christians, we give to God in response to what He has given to us: life; food; family; and, most important, our Savior Jesus! We don't give because we have to, we give because, in faith, we want to!

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Parents: Before the Divine Service, remind your children what giving to the Offering means. Help them to think of all the things that they have and how they are really gifts from God. Encourage them to set aside a certain amount of their own money each week to give.

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