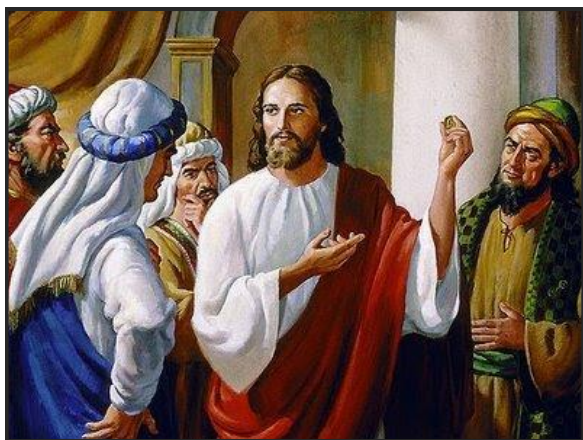


Zion Lutheran Church



October 22nd, 2023
Twenty-first 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 -- zlc.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!

Opening Hymn -- God of Grace and God of Glory #850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P 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.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 – Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5



P The LORD is your | keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

C I lift up my eyes | to the hills.

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,
who made | heaven and earth.

He will not let your | foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, he who keeps | Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;
he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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 The LORD is your | keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,

I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Grace Bell Choir -- *This is My Father's World* (8 am)

Choir -- *Sing to the Lord a New Song* (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading -- 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Hymn of the Day -- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 Δ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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.
- 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, 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:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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

G 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.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

G 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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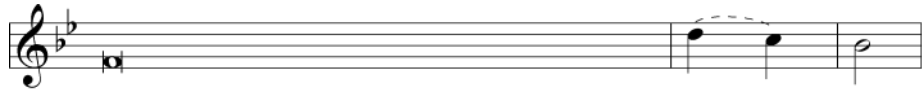
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Faith Bell Choir -- Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

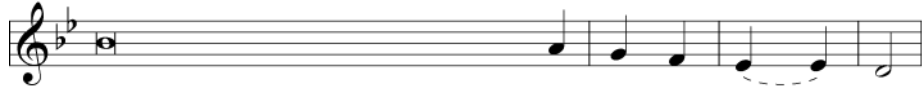
Distribution Hymns

We Give Thee But Thine Own	#781
All Depends on Our Possessing	#732
How Can I Thank You, Lord	#703

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.



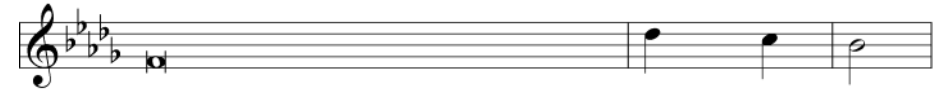
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



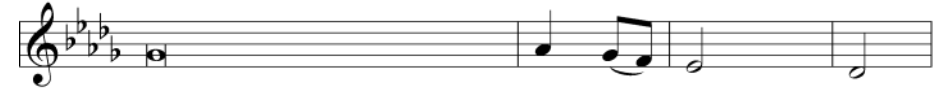
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



- 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.



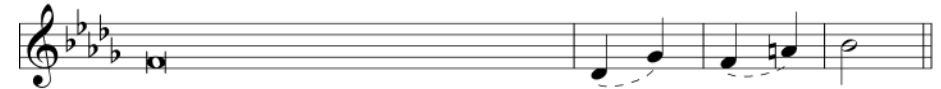
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



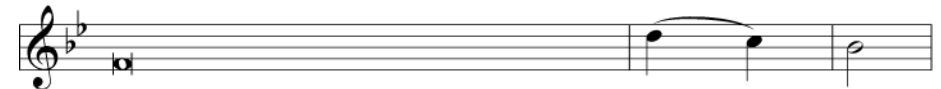
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 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.



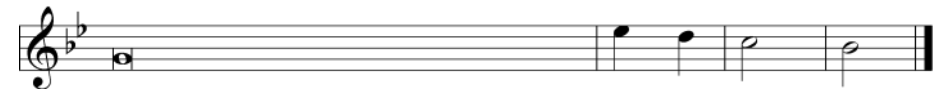
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



- 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

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.



Closing Hymn -- Gracious God, You Send Great Blessing #782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Millie Thielet and Florence Boehme.
-**Healing & Strength for:** Natalie Cicioni (Ryan Cicioni's sister), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Pam Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

- **For the bereaved:** Family of B.L. Bridges (father in law of Judy Bridges), family of Marian Siek, family of Ron Valentino.

-**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 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.

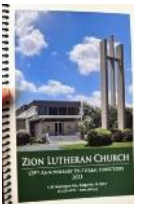
Service Participants

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
Elders:	Mike Kroeger & Mike Wallace (8:00) Roger Diederich & Jim Neill (10:30)
Acolytes:	Elder (8:00); Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)
Ushers:	Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Gene Koop, Brian Pasquini (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Jack & Sam Bishop (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul & Nancy Klemash in celebration of Mary Beth's birthday; and by Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of Terry's mother Beatrice.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by John Migyanko in celebration of Megan's 29th birthday.

2023 MEMBER PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are now available in the back of the sanctuary! Please take one per family and put a check next to your family's name on the distribution list.



ALL-CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING TODAY AFTER 2nd SERVICE (lunch served) We'll be discussing plans for an endowment for Zion, and voting on the slate of candidates for leadership positions from the Nominating Cmte. The slate includes: Vice Chairman -- Bill Bishop; Rec. Secretary -- Kari Gresh (re-election); Elders -- Roger Diederich (re-election), Mike Sterba, and Tom Erbrecht; Trustees -- Paul Hayes (re-election), Jim Oelschlager (re-election), Mike Debowski.



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/15) -- 58 (8 am); 81 (10:30 am)

Plate Offerings (10/15) -- \$3063 Online Offering -- \$1075

Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate



This Week at Zion

SUN 10/22	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship Voters' Meeting after Second Service (lunch served)	
MON 10/23	6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir	Pastor away at Eastern District Pastoral Conf.
TUE 10/24	6:15 PM -- Grace Bell Choir Pastor and Susie both out of office	
WED 10/25		
THU 10/26		
FRI 10/27		
SAT 10/28		
SUN 10/29	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship 12:00 PM -- Refor-Fest	

Zion Youth News & Events

Spare Change Sundays

Every bit – large and small – helps our fundraising efforts for the LCMS Nat'l Youth Gathering!

Each Zion family may take a change container from the back of the sanctuary. Take the containers home to deposit spare change (or paper bills, if you prefer!) throughout the week. When you're ready to turn-in your container of coins/bills, bring it to church **any Sunday now through November 26th**. Simply empty your container into the large collection jar in the back of the sanctuary labeled



**Spare Change
Sundays!**

“Spare Change Sunday” ... you can take it home again to re-fill, if you like. A little spare change from each us can go a long way in supporting our youth in their goal of attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2025! Questions? ... please see Carrie Lemonovich or reach out to her at clemonovich@yahoo.com or (412)260-9344.

Youth in grades 8-12 sign-up for our GroupMe communications today! We will be using this as our primary way to communicate with youth and parents. Mark your calendars for our next monthly youth meeting/activity -- Sunday, November 19th 6-8 pm.



Scan QR code to sign up for GroupMe

Zion youth enjoyed a seasonal devotion and pumpkin carving at the October meeting



Get your tickets TODAY following services!



Join us for...

Zion's 3rd Annual
REFOR-FEST!

Sunday October 29th
Noon - 3:00PM
Rain or shine!

Catered German Meal!
Beer & Root Beer!
Guessing Jars!
Pastor's Famous Bingo!
Steelers vs. Jaguars on the big screen!

Advance Tickets Required!
Adults - \$18 Kids (4-10yrs.) - \$8 3 & under - FREE
Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Sunday services!

Questions? Contact events@zlc.org

The Foster Love Project Zion Matching Campaign



Foster Love Project shows love in action to children impacted by foster and kinship care through provision of goods, services, and support. It provides dignity and care for kids in the foster care process, and provides support for foster families who are caring for the children making this transition. One way the project gets involved is through donations of new goods that help kids who have to change their home with little or no warning, providing them with small comforts.

Zion will be running a matching campaign up to \$1,000 to support the Foster Love Project during the month of October. Every contribution you make to Foster Love this month is matched dollar for dollar by Zion. There are two ways to donate:

- Offering plate -- Make your check payable to "Zion Lutheran Church" and write "Foster Love" on the memo line, OR donate cash in an envelope marked "Foster Love".
- Online at ZLCB.ORG -- Go to the "Donate" page, click "Online Giving" and find the Foster Love Project line item.

Megan and John Migyanko will be sharing their involvement and what it means to the foster kids in October. You can find more information by going to www.fosterloveproject.org.

Serving children with DIGNITY AND LOVE

Your Support will MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON KIDS!



October is Church Worker Appreciation Month

Each October, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates Church Worker Appreciation Month. Congregations and school communities are encouraged to demonstrate special appreciation for their teachers, who teach God's Word, love the children they teach and live a life of service to Christ and His church. Along with the Synod's teachers, we recognize pastors, deaconesses, DCEs and all other church workers, who are vital to our life together.



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

THANKS
be to
God
for those
who work in our
congregations
and schools!

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!



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