

# Zion Lutheran Church



October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Reformation Sunday



## [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](http://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 -- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**#656**

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br>A trusty shield and weapon;<br>He helps us free from ev'ry need<br>That hath us now o'ertaken.<br>The old evil foe<br>Now means deadly woe;<br>Deep guile and great might<br>Are his dread arms in fight;<br>On earth is not his equal.   | 3 Though devils all the world should fill,<br>All eager to devour us,<br>We tremble not, we fear no ill;<br>They shall not overpower us.<br>This world's prince may still<br>Scowl fierce as he will,<br>He can harm us none.<br>He's judged; the deed is done;<br>One little word can fell him. |
| 2 With might of ours can naught be done,<br>Soon were our loss effected;<br>But for us fights the valiant One,<br>Whom God Himself elected.<br>Ask ye, Who is this?<br>Jesus Christ it is,<br>Of Sabaoth Lord,<br>And there's none other God;<br>He holds the field forever. | 4 The Word they still shall let remain<br>Nor any thanks have for it;<br>He's by our side upon the plain<br>With His good gifts and Spirit.<br>And take they our life,<br>Goods, fame, child, and wife,<br>Though these all be gone,<br>Our vict'ry has been won;<br>The Kingdom ours remaineth. |

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**Baptism of Kami Lynn Fitzgerald (10:30 am)**



**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46**



**P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]  
and shall not be | put to shame.

**C** **I will bless the LORD at | all times;**  
**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;**  
**let the humble hear | and be glad.**

**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;**  
**I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.**

**The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;**  
**none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**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** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]  
and shall not be | put to shame.

## 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading -- Revelation 14:6–7**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir -- Christ is our Rock (8 am)**

**Grace Bell Choir -- This is My Father's World (10:30 am)**

### **Epistle Reading -- Romans 3:19–28**

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**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 -- The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace #580



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His  
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -  
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our  
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with  
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it  
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.  
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.



5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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## Sermon

### Reception of New Members (10:30 am)

Ray & Sharon Barley  
Kami Fitzgerald  
Rev. Mike & Alice Kettner

## 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**

**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.

### **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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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

## Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

**Faith Bell Choir -- Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

### Distribution Hymns

<b>All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall</b>	<b>#562</b>
<b>By Grace I'm Saved</b>	<b>#566</b>
<b>Amazing Grace</b>	<b>#744</b>

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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 -- Thy Strong Word

#578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** 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.



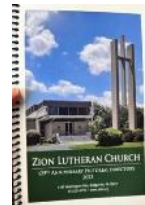
## *Service Participants*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Sandy Quinlan
<b>Elders:</b>	Mike Kroeger & Mike Wallace (8:00) TBD & Jim Neill (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Claire Schrag (8:00); Decklan Pasquini (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Gene Koop, Brian Pasquini (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Jack & Sam Bishop (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dennis Finney in loving memory of father Sidney Finney; and by Tracey Coyle in memory of her father's birthday.

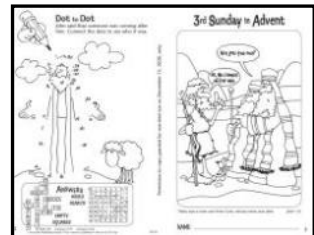
**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Dennis Finney in loving memory of father Sidney Finney.

**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.



**REFOR-FEST** is TODAY from noon until 3:00! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for seasonal, German-themed food and fun!

**PARENTS ...** children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the themes for that week's worship in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church, or take them home to use later! Also, be sure to guide your child through the "Kids in the Divine Service" page found in the back of each bulletin.



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/22) -- 50 (8 am); 94 (10:30 am)  
Plate Offerings (10/22) -- \$2513 Online Offering -- \$16,815

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*



## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>10/29</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship 12:00 PM -- Refor-Fest
<b>MON</b> <b>10/30</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Yr Conf 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Yr Conf
<b>TUE</b> <b>10/31</b>	
<b>WED</b> <b>11/1</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Service & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>11/2</b>	7:00 PM -- Elders' Mtg.
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/3</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>11/4</b>	<i>Daylight Savings Time ends -- Turn clocks back</i>
<b>SUN</b> <b>11/5</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship

# 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](mailto:clemonovich@yahoo.com) or (412)260-9344.

## Soup Fundraiser coming in November

Get your quarts of homemade soup for eating or freezing! Look for the order form in the November newsletter and via e-blast.

**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

# The Foster Love Project

## Zion Matching Campaign



FOSTERLOVEPROJECT

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](http://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.



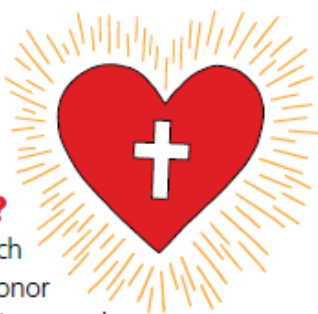
For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

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### **What is "All Saints' Day"?**

All Saints' Day is the day during the Church Year that we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

### **Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day?**

The word "saint" comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means "holy" or "sacred." Saints are God's holy people. We thank God for the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God's great mercy in their lives!

### **Do you have to die to be a saint?**

No way! All of God's faithful people are His saints! We were washed clean of our sins at our Baptism and made holy before God. That's what it means when we hear God's Word say: "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14). Isn't it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection? He gives all of this to us through Baptism. He is the one who makes us a saint!



**Parents:** Talk to your children about those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God's promises at our Baptism.



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