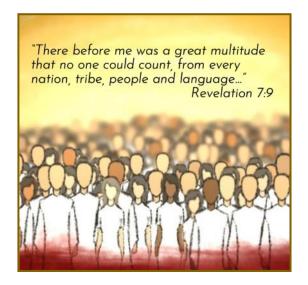
Zion Lutheran Church



November 5th, 2023 **All Saints' Day**



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.

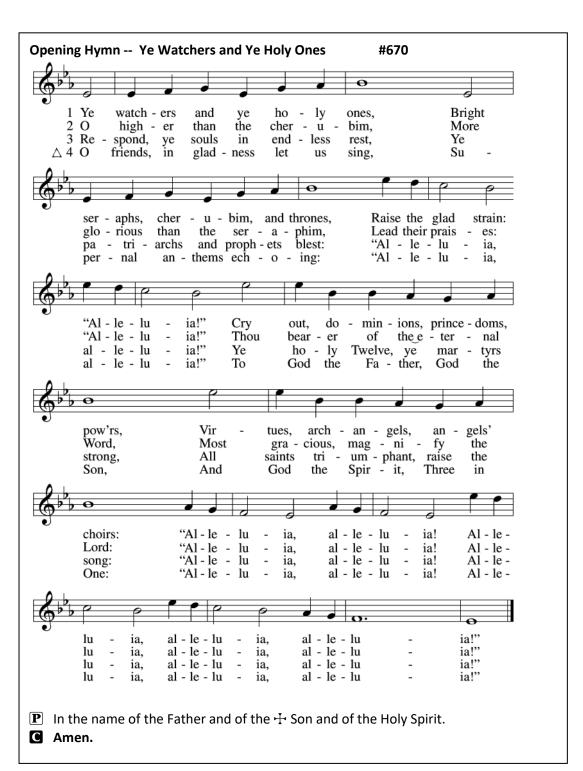
Communion Statement

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!



- 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

Introit -- Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b



P These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, let me never be | put to shame;

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

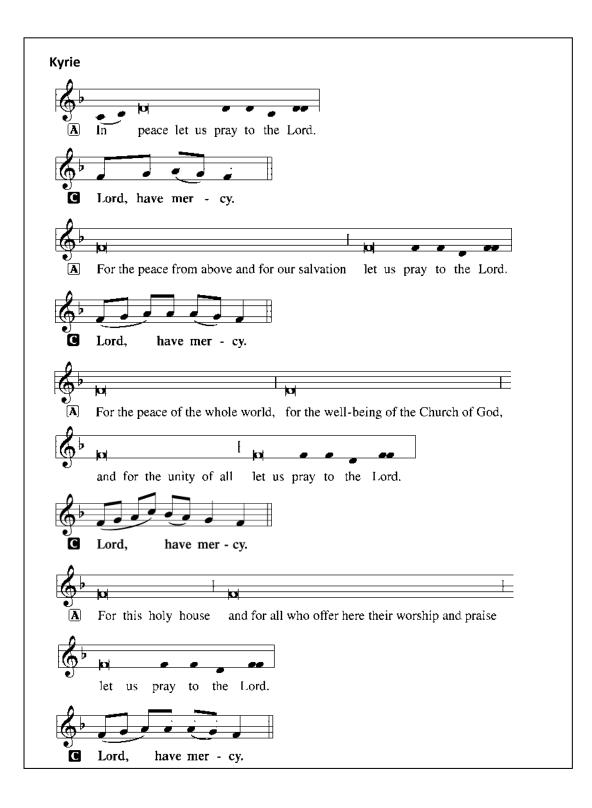
and to the Holy | Spirit;

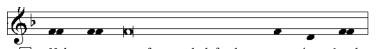
as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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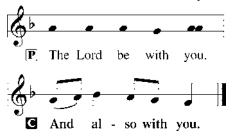
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading -- Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and

wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

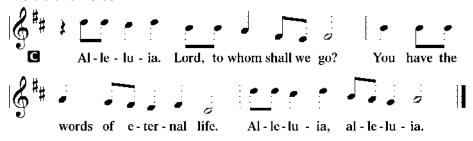
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading -- 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

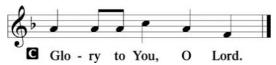
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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

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



Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

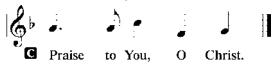
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

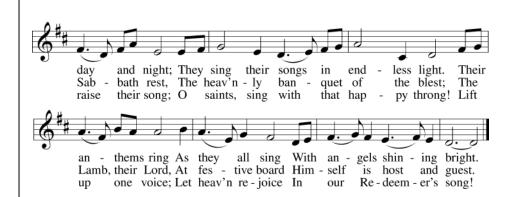
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







Sermon

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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.

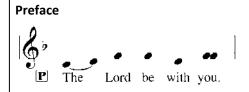
C ... Lord have mercy.

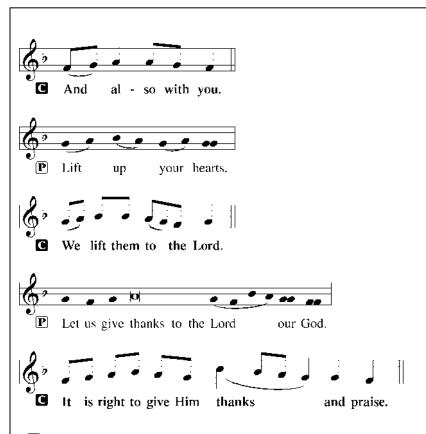
Gathering of Offerings

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



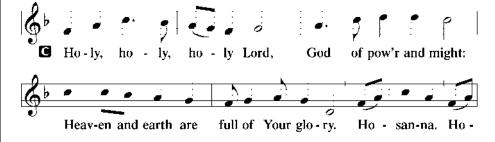
Service of the Sacrament

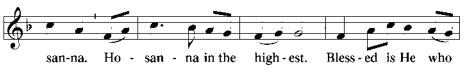


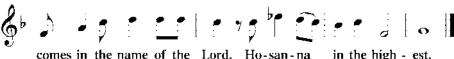


It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.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

Sanctus







Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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."

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

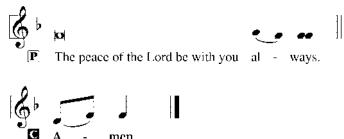
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

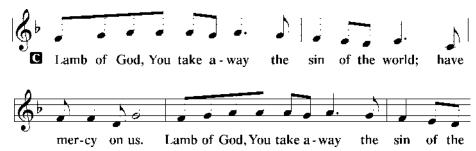
but deliver us from evil.

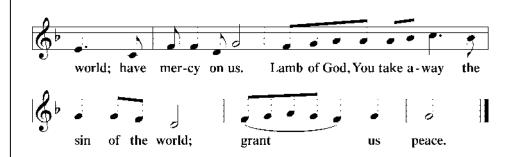
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei





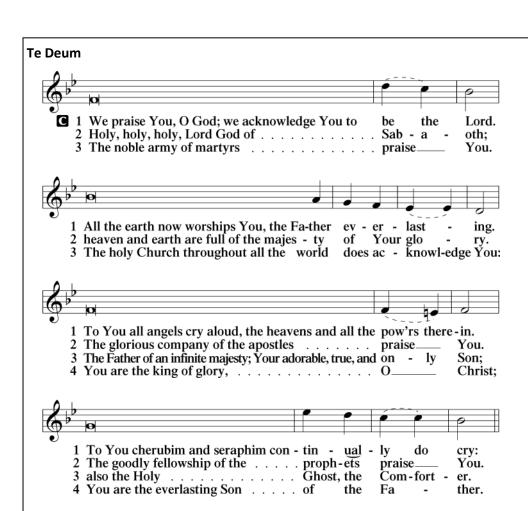
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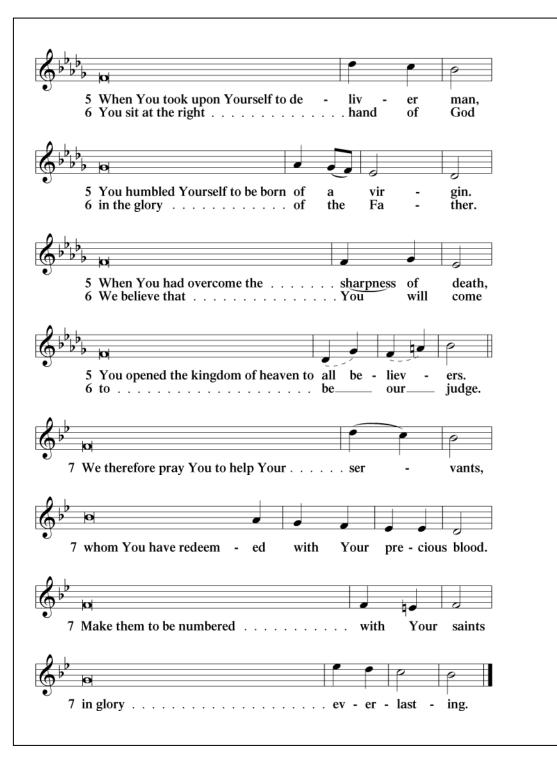
Distribution Hymns

Jesus Sat with His Disciples	#932
Hope of the World	#690
We Sing for All the Unsung Saints	#678

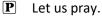








Post-Communion Collect



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.



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 \div give you peace.



Closing Hymn on next page ...



- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

 Through gates of pearl streams in the count-

less host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 beareaved: 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 & Bob Schmidt (8:00)

Bill Bishop & Roger Diederich (10:30)

Acolytes: Emily Trentini (8:00); TBD (10:30)

Ushers: Megan & Ava Pasquini; Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00)

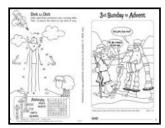
John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of father Paul D. Hayes.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church in memory of our founders who were led by the Spirit to establish Zion 125 years ago .

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.



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 (10/29) -- 52 (8 am); 103 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship (11/1) -- 15 (2 pm)

Plate Offerings (10/29) -- \$2523 Online Offering -- \$905

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

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This Week at Zion

SUN 11/5	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship
MON 11/6	6:00 PM 1st Yr Conf 6:30 PM Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM 2nd Yr Conf
TUE 11/7	6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:15 PM Choir
WED 11/8	2:00 PM Mid-Week Service & Bible Study
THU 11/9	7:00 PM Council Mtg. 7:00 PM Events Mtg.
FRI 11/10	
SAT 11/11	
SUN 11/12 FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Ladies Book Club Potluck

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 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.

Soup Fundraiser coming in November

Get your quarts of homemade soup for eating or freezing! There are five delicious varieties to choose from. **See order form on the opposite page!**

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Our November meeting is Sunday, 11/19 from 6-8 pm. We'll decorate (and sample) some Holiday themed goodies, and enjoy a devotional. Join us!

Youth in grades 8-12 sign-up for our GroupMe texts today!

We will be using this as our primary way to communicate with youth and parents



Scan QR code to sign up for GroupMe

Youth Group Soup Sale!

Support the fundraising efforts of the youth group for the next youth gathering by purchasing soup. Each quart-sized container is \$10. Stock-up on a few varieties ... plastic containers make it easy to freeze what you don't use right away!

Fill out the order form below and place it in the collection box in the back of the sanctuary, or email your completed form to Megan Pasquini at meganpasquini@hotmail.com.

The soups will be delivered on Sunday December 3rd at church.



Soup options:	Quantity:
Creamy Potato Leek w/ ham	
Sausage Corn Chowder	
Wedding Soup	
Sausage & Tortellini Soup	
Chicken Noodle Soup	
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Email address:	
Total Cost:	



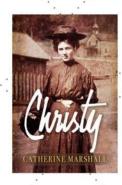
Upcoming Events

Women's Fall Potluck & Book Club Sunday, November 12th 12:00 - 2:00 Fellowship Hall

Let's enjoy a meal together as we discuss the book that Christianity Today listed as the 27th most influential book in the lives of modern Christians.

P.S. All women are invited - no reading necessary!

Watch your emails this week for a potluck sign-up!



. Christy by Catherine Marshall



Christmas Ornament Exchange

Sunday, December 10, 6-9 p.m. Napoli's Restaurant, Bridgeville

Let the stealing begin!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Eastern District LWML 40th Biennial Convention
June 14-16, 2024
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Cranberry



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.

