

# Zion Lutheran Church



November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost



## [Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!](#)

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. 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 -- O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His belovèd Son.

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

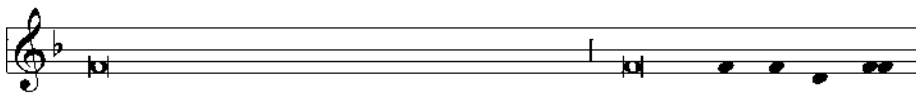
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.





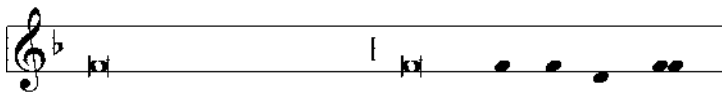
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



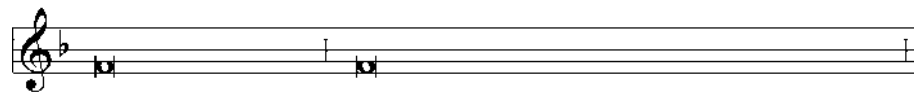
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



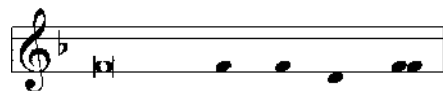
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



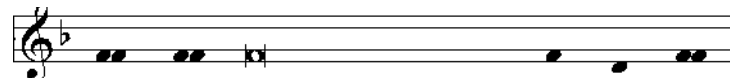
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



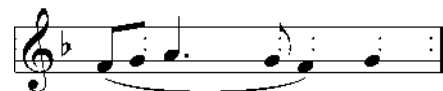
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

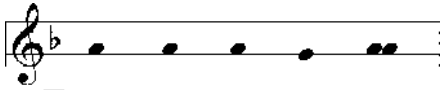


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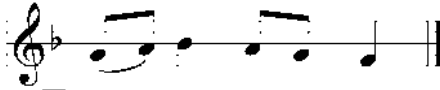


Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading -- Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir** -- *God of Grace* (10:30 am)

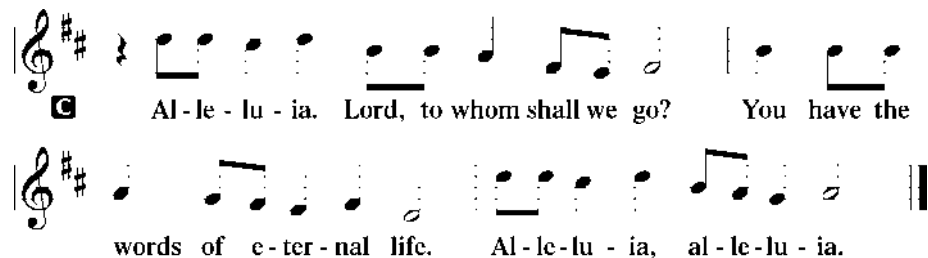
### Epistle Reading -- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

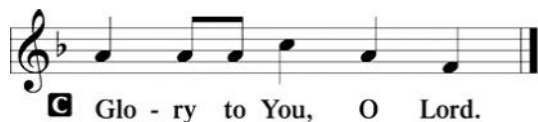
### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

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

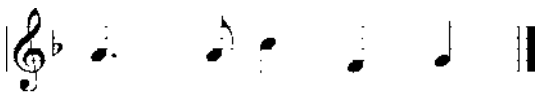


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'<sup>2</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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



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



Hymn of the Day -- Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying #516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

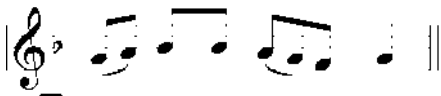
### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

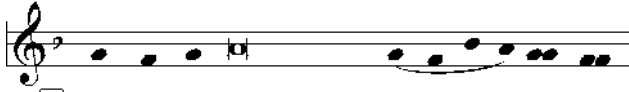
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so 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, 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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."

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


**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Pax Domini




**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.




**C** A - men.

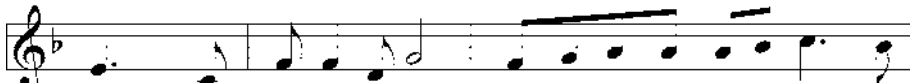
## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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 -- Savior Like a Shepherd (10:30 am)**

### Distribution Hymns

<b>The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us</b>	<b>#514</b>
<b>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent</b>	<b>#621</b>
<b>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</b>	<b>#334</b>

## Thank the Lord



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



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



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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**☐** Let us pray.

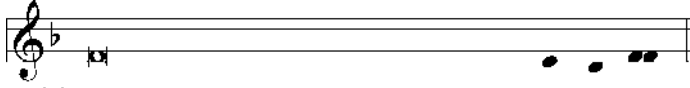
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





**C** A - men.

### 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Closing Hymn on next page ...*

Closing Hymn -- Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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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>	Doug Krantz
<b>Elders:</b>	Mike Kroeger & Bob Schmidt (8:00) Bill Bishop & Roger Diederich (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Claire Schrag (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Megan & Ava Pasquini; Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Shane & Sandy Bryant in honor of those who have served in the military; and by Paul Hayes in memory of his dad.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Charles & Kathy Kacvinsky in memory of Madeline Markel.

**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.

**FOSTER LOVE PROJECT FUNDRAISING GOAL ACHIEVED ...** We are pleased to announce that we exceeded our matching funds goal by \$1,205. Zion will be sending the Foster Love Project a check for \$3,205 to help provide care and dignity for the kids in foster care in our community.



**JOIN US WEDNESDAY 11/22** at 2:00 & 7:00 for Thanksgiving Worship. All offerings given will support the Save the Seminary Campaign of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/5) -- 62 (8 am); 81 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship (11/8) -- 16 (2 pm)

Plate Offerings (11/5) -- \$3433 Online Offering -- \$2586

*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>11/12</b> <b>FOOD BANK</b> <b>COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship 12:00 PM -- Ladies Book Club Potluck
<b>MON</b> <b>11/13</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Yr Conf 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Yr Conf
<b>TUE</b> <b>11/14</b>	6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:15 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>11/15</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Service & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>11/16</b>	7:00 PM -- Board of Education Mtg.
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/17</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>11/18</b>	2:00 PM -- Altar Guild Training Session
<b>SUN</b> <b>11/19</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship 6:00 PM -- Youth Group Mtg./Holiday Goodies Activity

# 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 of 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 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 next Sunday, 11/19 from 6-8 pm. We'll decorate (and sample) some Holiday 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](mailto:meganpasquini@hotmail.com).  
The soups will be delivered on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at church.



### Soup options:

Creamy Potato Leek w/ ham  
Sausage Corn Chowder  
Wedding Soup  
Sausage & Tortellini Soup  
Chicken Noodle Soup

### Quantity:

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## Twelfth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During the Holiday season, I enjoy brightening the lives of residents in local assisted living and nursing home facilities in Allegheny County. Many of these people have few, if any, visitors and receive little, if anything, during the Holidays. Last year, through the generosity of local businesses and friends, I helped deliver over 600 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp, several other nursing and assisted-living facilities, and shut-ins at Zion Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Church. This year I hope to help deliver 600 + gifts again.



By partnering with me, your \$15 will provide each of two residents a fragrance-free hand cream and help them have a very Merry Christmas. These items are specifically requested by caregivers for the benefits the residents receive. The lotions will soothe their hands and bring joy, as well, by the simple "touch therapy" of applying them. They will be delivered in early December.

Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities who once lived and worked in our local communities. Let them know they are remembered! THANK YOU!

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke-Kimberland, or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor, please contact me at:

**Ginny Granke-Kimberland**  
**7082 Clubview Dr., Bridgeville, PA 15017 412-427-9013**



*Join us & lend a hand!*

## **Zion Decorating Party**

**Saturday 12/2 @ 10 am**  
*Enjoy Lunch & Hot Cocoa Bar*

**Sign Up in the Narthex!**



### **Altar Guild Members Needed**

*Can you join us?* Our altar guild prepares the elements of the Lord's Supper prior to each Worship service in the sacristy (behind our altar), and takes care of communion linens and vessels. This is a wonderful way to demonstrate love and respect for the Sacrament while serving the members of Zion. Guild members serve on a monthly basis in teams of 3 or 4 members, and the schedule is very flexible!

**Attend a brief training session Sat., 11/18 at 2:00!**

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!

## What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That’s why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



**Parents:** The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s salvation to us!



