

# Zion Lutheran Church

“He will separate  
people one  
from another as  
a shepherd  
separates  
the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Last Sunday of the Church Year



## [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 -- Come, Thou Almighty King

#905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 Δ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.

### Service of the Word

**Introit -- Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV**



**P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,  
the home of | righteousness.

**C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;  
let me know how fleeting | I am!**

**Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.**

**And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?**

**My hope | is in you.**

**Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.**

**Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**

**Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry,**

**For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

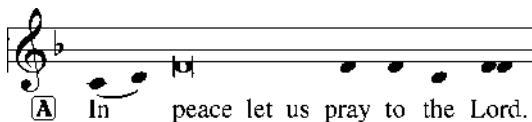
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

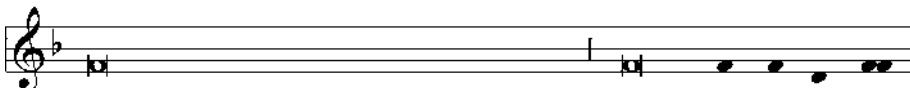
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the home of | righteousness.

### **Kyrie**





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



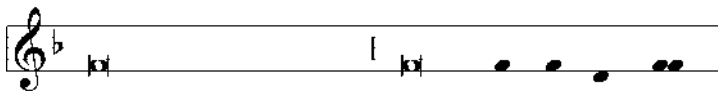
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



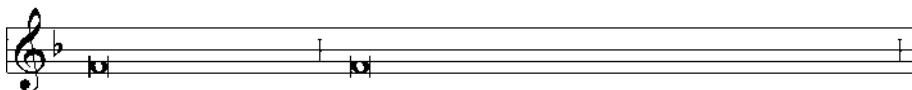
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



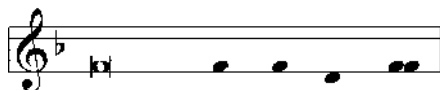
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



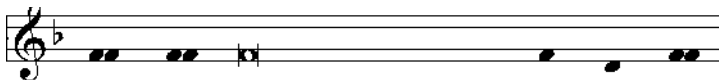
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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

**G** A - - - men.

### This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

**G** 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 -

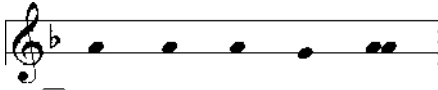
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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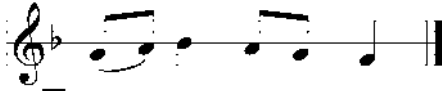
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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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 -- Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed

them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

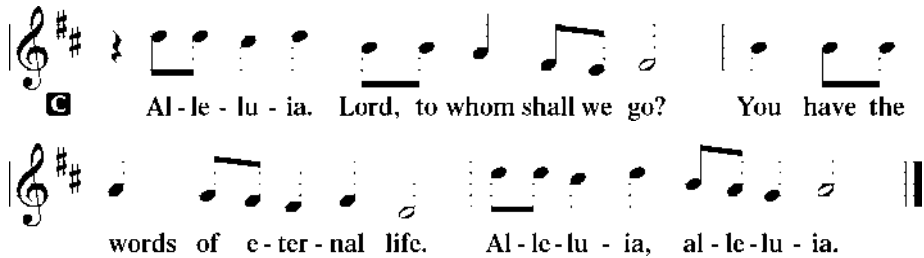
### Epistle Reading -- 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

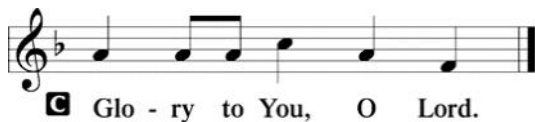
### Alleluia and Verse



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.



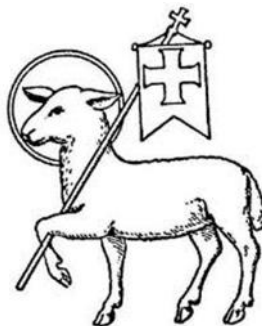
[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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



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



## Hymn of the Day -- The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns #532



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
Joy of all be - low, To whom He man - i -  
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
fests His love And grants His name to know.  
last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

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### Sermon

#### 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  $\dagger$  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.*

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



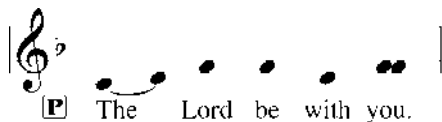
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



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

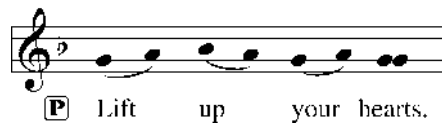
#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



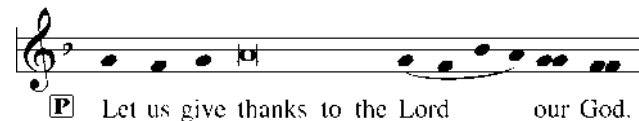
**C** And al - so with you.



**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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

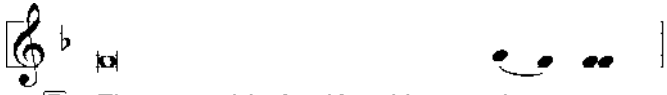
**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**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

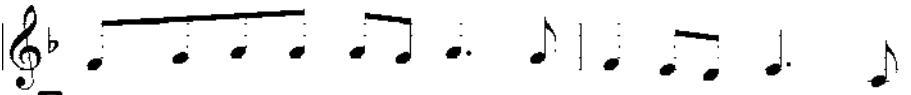


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

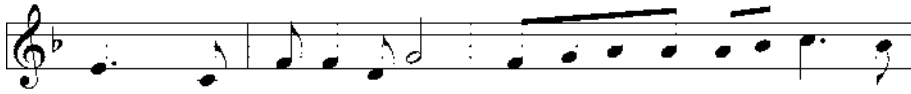
## Agnus Dei



**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.*

### Distribution Hymns

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing	#847
Have No Fear, Little Flock	#735
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	#851

## Thank the Lord



**C** 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

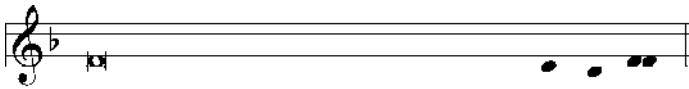
**P** Let us pray.

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



**C** 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 -- Christ is Surely Coming

#509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,  
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,  
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:  
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;  
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,  
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!  
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!  
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

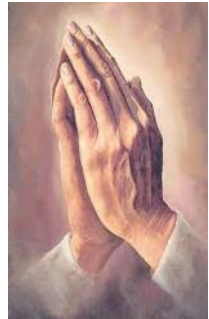
- For our homebound members:** Florence Boehme.
- Healing & Strength for:** Celia Evans, Natalie Cicioni (Ryan Cicioni's sister), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Pam Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, 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:** Families of Millie Thielet and Roxanne Burgh.
- For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Joseph 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 & Bob Schmidt (8:00) Bill Bishop & Roger Diederich (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Elder (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 Elsie Dalla Piazza in memory of her mother, Lill Dalla Piazza; and by Jacque Oelschlager in memory of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in memory of her father, Frank Rilius.



**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY** are now available for order in honor of, or memory of, loved ones. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, then you may pick them up following the 7 pm service. Order forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** Please consider donating cookies for our cookie reception following the 10:30 service on Sun., Dec. 10. On this date our Sunday School kids will be singing during late service and we'll watch their Christmas video pageant. Afterward we'll have cookies and punch! Cookie donations should be at church by 9:30 am on Sun. 12/10. Any questions, please contact Megan Pasquini -- [meganpasquini@hotmail.com](mailto:meganpasquini@hotmail.com).



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/19) -- 60 (8 am); 71 (10:30 am)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship (11/22) -- 31 (2 pm); 43 (7 pm)

Plate Offerings (11/19) -- \$3878 Online Offering -- \$2045

*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>11/26</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>11/27</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Yr Conf 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Yr Conf
<b>TUE</b> <b>11/28</b>	6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:15 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>11/29</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>11/30</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>12/1</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>12/2</b>	10:00 AM -- Christmas Decorating Party (lunch and hot chocolate bar)
<b>SUN</b> <b>12/3</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship

*Join us & lend a hand!*

## **Zion Decorating Party**



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

**Sign Up in the Narthex!**



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### **ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**



Mid-week Advent services begin Wednesday, December 6th at 2 & 7 pm. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior!

Advent Devotionals are now available in the black basket organizer near the door in the back of the sanctuary. Please take one.

## 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:

<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_



As the Christmas season approaches, the Bridgeville Area Food Bank would like to bless the 40 registered children with gifts at the December distribution. Starting today you will have the opportunity to participate in purchasing a gift for a child in need. If you wish to participate, chose an angel gift tag marked with the child's age from the tree set up in the back of the church. Please use the sign-up sheet to sign next to the number and age recorded on the angel. Then purchase a gift costing around twenty dollars. Return your unwrapped gift with the gift tag attached no later than Sunday, December 10.

*In Christ's Service,  
Barb Oechslein, Bridgeville Area Food Bank Rep.*





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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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## **What is the “Sunday of the Fulfillment”?**

The Sunday of the Fulfillment, which is the last Sunday in the Church Year, is the day we celebrate and look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus on the Last Day in time.

## **Why do we celebrate it?**

Have you ever had to wait for a really exciting gift that you’ve always wanted? What was it like when you finally received the gift? The waiting may have been difficult, but when you finally received the gift, it made all of the waiting seem “fulfilled” or complete. As Christians, we are eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus to return. When he returns, as Scripture says, He will take His people to be with Him in His glorious Kingdom forever. Now that is something to celebrate and be excited about!



**Parents:** At home, discuss with your children what will happen when Jesus returns. Take time to read through portions of Matthew 24 and 25. Remind them that in Baptism Jesus makes us His people. Through faith in Him, we live as Christians patiently awaiting His return.

