

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

November 23, 2025

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Christ the King Sunday



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Ascended Lord, who as Word came to dwell among us, that we might know the love of the Father, lead us ever deeper into the Scriptures – under the blessed guidance of the Holy Spirit—that we learn again and again of the freedom from sin and the Law that Your Gospel has brought us, and that we increase more and more in the life lived to Your Glory through willing service to our fellowman; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

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Confession and Absolution

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. “They shall be mine,” He says, “and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him” (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining “the distinction between the righteous and the wicked” (Mal. 3:18). He truly is “the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith “weep for yourselves and for your children” (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15). “All things were created through him and for him” (Col. 1:16), and “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself “by the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:19–20).

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

(Congregation will sing stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5; Choir will sing stanza 3)

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

Choir only

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.*

- 4 **Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
- 5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

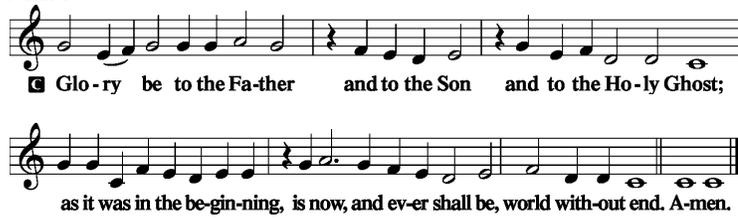
Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

- P** Let all the earth fear the LORD;
C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**
- P** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
C **who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**
- P** Lift up your hands to the holy place
C **and bless the LORD!**
- P** May the LORD bless you from Zion,
C **He who made heaven and earth!**
- P** Let all the earth fear the LORD;
C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

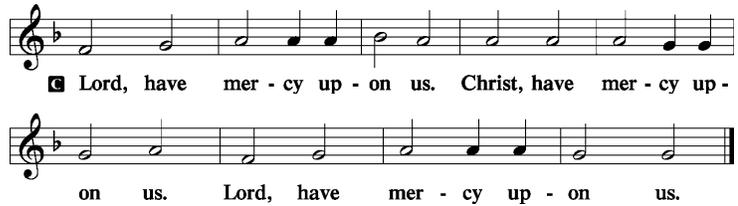
Gloria Patri



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked Him, saying, “Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

LSB 534

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

- 2 **Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.**
- 3 **Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**
- 4 **Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, grant that we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly reign first from the cross and on whom we wait for the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into our eternal rest by the merits of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless this congregation and Your whole Church with faithful pastors and church workers who speak without embarrassment or apology the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Grant that we, as hearers of this Gospel, may respond with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, by Christ's atoning death we are spared as sons and estimated as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord and the esteem of Your name, serve You faithfully, and walk in Your charge undismayed by the prosperity of the wicked, until all is revealed at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body and mind. Relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying and comfort those who grieve, that in their need You may be their strength and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bring us in repentance and faith to receive rightly Your Son's body and blood. Manifest in us the unity of faith and a strong witness before the world. By this communion, let our lives bear the good fruits of Your Spirit in holy words and works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve Your people from all temptation and amid all trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair. Grant that Your people be bold and faithful witnesses to those around them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Rosie Hatcher, Lee Hinton, Benjamin Pannier, Jennifer Trame, Dianne Helbig, Hunter Phillips, Jerry Purdin, Garrett Sax, and Sven Peterson, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
Faithfulness in Christian Worship.
Others who have requested our prayers: Ray McDaniel

O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.
Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, 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

LSB 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

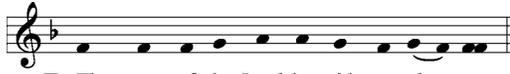
LSB 197

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."

P 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 \dagger 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

LSB 197



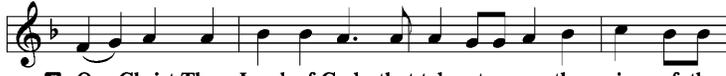
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

In Holy communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before service.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.**

- 2 **Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty Till dawns the judgment morning,**
- 3 **Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand Or subtle craft and cunning.**
- 4 **We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.**
- 5 **Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.**
- 6 **Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.**
- 7 **Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.**
- 8 **For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me When living and when dying.**

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Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

- 1 **Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 **Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.**
- 3 **Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

Stand

- 4 **To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.**

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Sit

- 1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses
In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

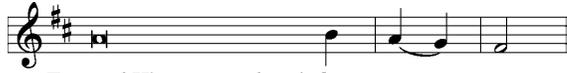
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



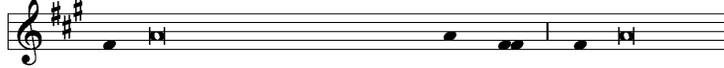
C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**
ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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Postlude

Lift High the Cross

arr. Charles Ore

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



YOUTH GROUP MEETING TONIGHT

Hey everyone! The November Youth Group Meeting is happening tonight from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. We will have snacks, a devotion about giving Thanks, and some Thanksgiving fun! We hope to see everyone there!

OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- November 23: Tony, Jen, Luke, & Max Lara
- November 30: Geoff & Robin Phillips, Jon & Cary Robinson
- December 7: Katie Crismon, Amanda Kemezys, Lindsay Murphy, & Emily Wambold
- December 14: Tom, Lee, Tyler, & Ryan Hinton
- December 21: Joe & Konya Bloomquist, Mark & Mary Kay Krausz
- December 24: Karl Bretz, Lionel Timmerman, Randy Thomsen, & Trent Morris
- December 25: Ray McDaniel, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro
- December 28: Ryan Hinton, William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Max Lara

ACOLYTE SCHEDULES

If you haven't already received one, acolyte schedules are on the counter in the narthex. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, **it is your responsibility to find a replacement.**

DECEMBER VOTERS MEETING – DECEMBER 11th

At the December Voters meeting on December 11th, we will elect new council and board members. There are several open positions to fill for the next term. These are multiple lengths in the terms for Vice President, Council Secretary, 1 Elder, 2 Board of Trustees, 2 Board of Education, Asst Sunday School Superintendent, and 1 Board of Finance. If you would like to serve on the council or on a board, reach out to any council or board member before December 4th. If you have any questions, contact Jon Robinson.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES NEEDED

The Board of Education is preparing to send out our college mailings, with some goodies and a note of support as students prepare for finals before the Christmas break. If you have a college student, please add their name and address to the mailing list on the table in the Narthex.

MORE PRAYER QUILTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Thanks to Candy Andres and Laurie Knutson for making more of these meaningful Prayer Quilts. Please feel free to take one or more from the table outside the office door and consider a donation to the LWML mites for Christian help around the world. Thank you!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ROY KLINGELHOEFER'S 95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Members of our church family here at Zion are invited to an open house for Roy Klingelhoefers 95th birthday at the Mascoutah Senior Center next Sunday, November 30th, from 1 PM to 4 PM.

SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING FOR NEPALESE MISSION CONGREGATION IN ST. LOUIS

Hello greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am Pastor Nabin Samal. I am ministering at Anugraha Lutheran church, affiliated with Saint John Lutheran Church at 3738 Morgan Ford Road, Saint Louis, MO 63116. We want to donate \$30 grocery gifts cards per person, and for 16 individuals on Christmas Day. Some are single moms, and single dads, some have no jobs. I would like to request you to pray for these families. We thank you for your prayers and for your financial support for this work as we bring God's word of hope and salvation to hurting families at this time that we celebrate our Savior's birth. We are a small number of Nepali Lutheran members growing in Saint Louis. Thank you! With regards, Pastor Nabin Samal
4100 Weber Rd., Saint Louis MO 63123, 314-814-4835

SOUTHERN IL DISTRICT LOOKING FOR PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Southern IL District of the LCMS is looking for a part-time (20 hr/week) bookkeeper to cover accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and other common bookkeeping tasks. The District office is located in Belleville, and the role will require some set hours to be worked at the District office while others may be done remotely. Interested candidates with experience in non-profit bookkeeping and familiarity with common bookkeeping software should send a resumé to SID Business Manager, Mr. Jeffrey Fick via email at sidlcmsage@gmail.com by Dec 8, 2025.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK – DEC 13th

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington in Millstadt is hosting its annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13th from 9 AM to Noon. Homemade cookies sold by the pound. Mixed are \$14/lb. and fancy are \$15/lb. Advance orders are welcome. Please call Shirley Boehm at 618-476-1113 to place your order or for more information.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Hymnal as Devotional Resource, Why Christians Should Build Cathedrals, Late First-Century Bishop Clement of Rome, The Third Use of God's Law, and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by in joyful celebration of Thanksgiving and in gratitude for God's abundant blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton
Offering Ushers: Tony, Jen, Luke, & Max Lara
Acolytes: Reed Hollenkamp
Altar Guild: Gail Frey
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 27

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:
Acolyte: Bristol Sax
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 30

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson
Offering Ushers: Geoff & Robin Phillips, Jon & Cary Robinson
Acolytes: Leif Peterson & James Trame
Altar Guild: Dawn & Phoebe Corey
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun. Children's Christmas Program Practice 8:45 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS III w/communion 10:00 AM
Youth Group Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM
Mon. No Preschool
Elders Meeting 6:00 PM
Board of Ed 6:00 PM
Tues. No Preschool
Wed. No Preschool
Confirmation Class 6:00 PM
Thurs. *Thanksgiving Day*
Church Office Closed, No Preschool
Thanksgiving Day Matins Service 9:00 AM
Fri. *Church Office Closed, No Preschool*
Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM
Sun. Children's Christmas Program Practice 8:45 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS IV w/communion 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 16: Sunday: 141
Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 4 Sunday School: 30