Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day

n 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
As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to silence and set aside all phones and electronic devices so we can fully focus on worship and the Word together. Thank you for helping maintain a peaceful environment.

A Prayer to Begin Worship
Lamb of God, in whose blood the robes of the saints are washed white to gleaming, and through whom they reign in glory even now, we offer thanks for the gift of eternal life given to Your saints now in glory with You and pray that we may follow their example of faith, that we may be ready and eager to come to You when the distant trumpet blows to summon us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Confession and Absolution

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ
"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

Prelude **Berceuse** **Louis Vierne**

Stand and face the cross.

Many Lutheran Churches use a Processional Cross to begin and end festival services. When a Processional Cross is carried in to lead a procession, the congregation stands and faces the cross.

Hymn **Behold a Host, Arrayed in White** *LSB 676*

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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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 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.**

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

Confession of Sins

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.**

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

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

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

P In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C **in Your righteousness deliver me.**

P For You are my rock and my fortress;

C **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

Kyrie

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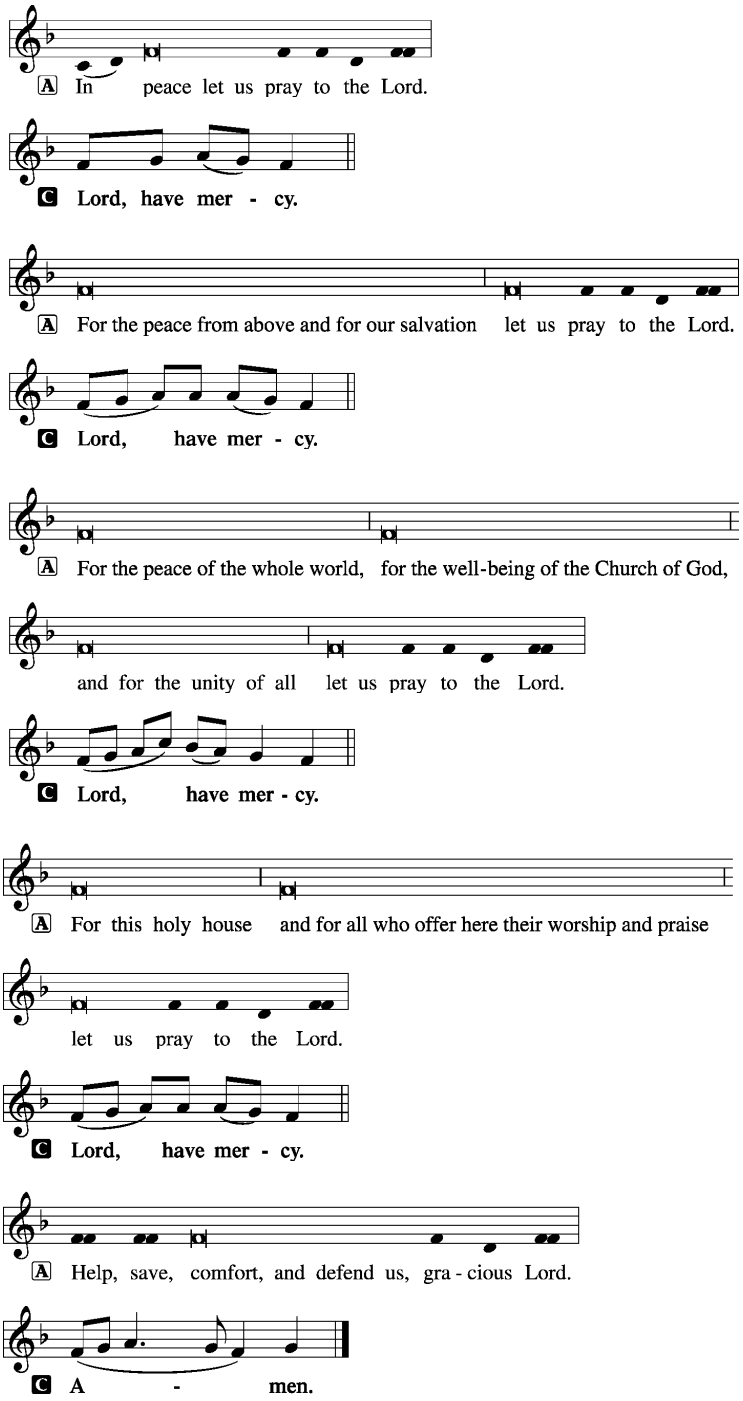

Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

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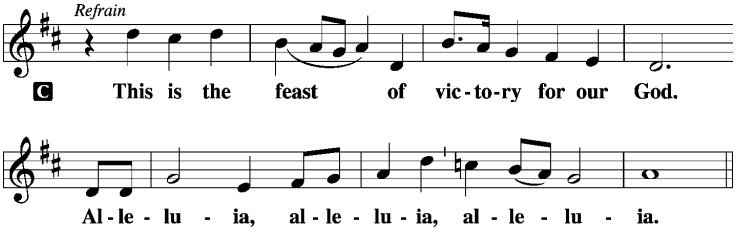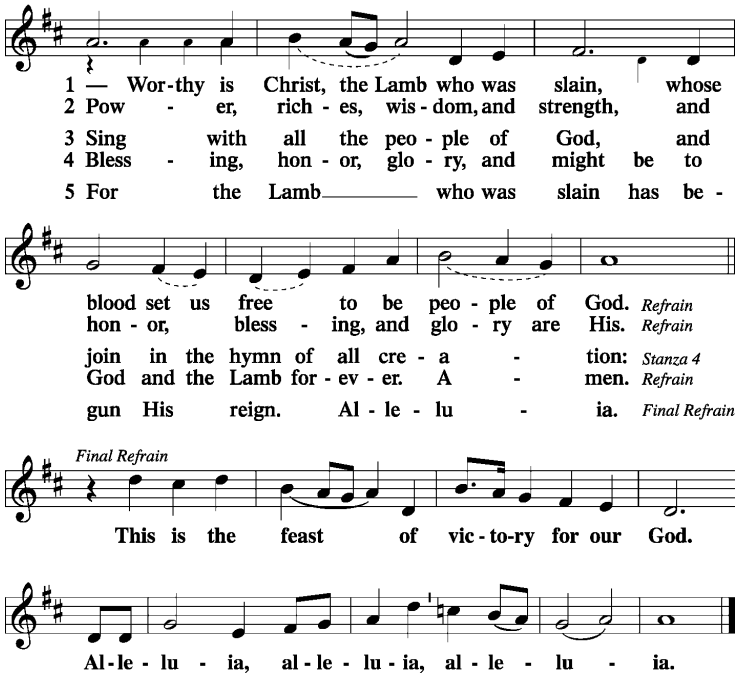

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir **Blessed** **Valerie Crescenz**

Epistle *1 John 3:1–3*

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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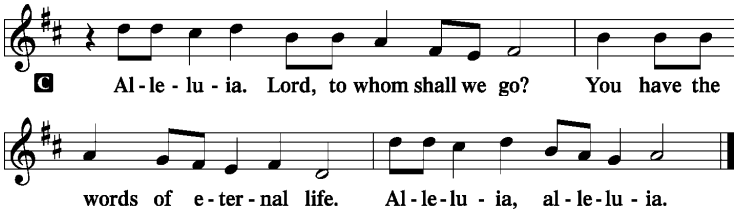
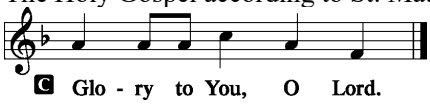
Common Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*



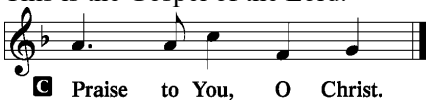
Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Hymn For All the Saints *LSB 677*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

△**8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Sermon "Knowing the Outcome" Rev. Dr. Glen Thomas

Stand

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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Litany: "Gathered Above"

(Spoken and sung; Tune: LSB 725 – "Children of the Heavenly Father" Text: Public domain)

P O risen Christ, we remember with fondness those who have been called to your eternal home:

- ❖ All those members of our congregation who died on or before last year's All Saints' Observance.

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- ❖ And all other Christian family members, relatives, and friends who have entered eternal glory.
  Aida Lovekamp, cousin of Joyce Hendrix, December 22, 2025
  Elaine Beirow, mother of Candy Andres, January 29, 2026
  Ernie Lockwood, husband of Marlene Lockwood, February 9, 2026
  David Ezell, brother-in-law of Torri Suedmeyer, July 8, 2026
  Rev. John W. M. Struve, close friend and "extended" family of Pastor Dietrich, October 19, 2026
  Mike Petty, friend of Joyce Hendrix and family, October 21, 2026
  Ruth Ann Holding, godmother of LaVonne Evers
  Rodney Martin, husband of Annette Martin, cousin of LaVonne Evers
  Jerry Reinhardt, aunt of LaVonne Evers

(Bell is rung)

C *(Sung; Organist introduces tune)*
Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

P We still can see how You worked in their lives, O God. They truly were imitators of Your Son. And their faith in You was evident in their actions.
C **Our memories of their faces and their love are etched into our minds forever.**
P You blessed them with fruitful lives.
C **And our lives were blessed through them.**

P They now live with You, surrounded by Your presence and caressed by Your care.
C *(Sung)*
God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

P Though we can't see them now, we know our loved ones will greet us in heaven.
C **Give us comfort and strength as we await a happy reunion.**
P Though we are separated from them now, we know we won't be separated forever.
C **Assure us again of Your promise that we will be with You and all Your saints in just a little while.**

P For nothing in all creation will be able to keep us away from Your love.
C *(Sung)*
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

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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

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Offertory

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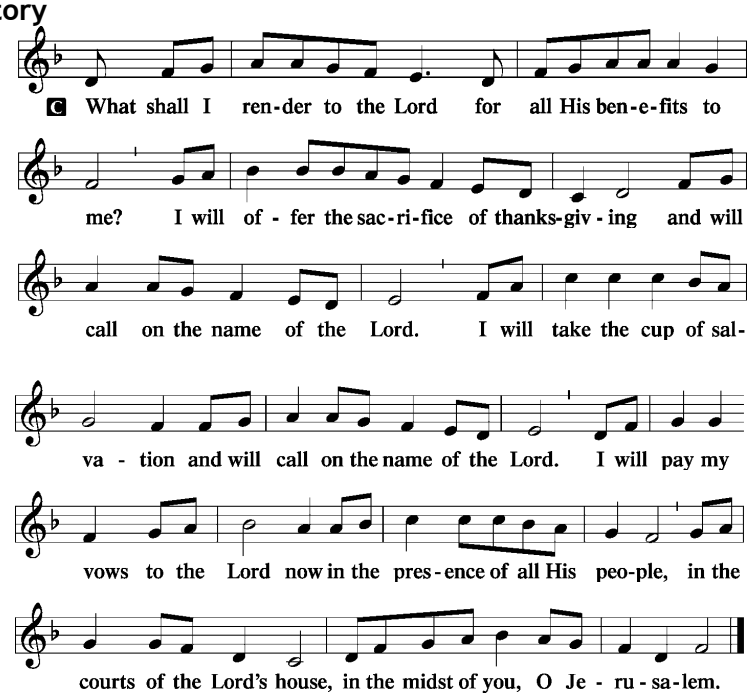
Prayer of the Church

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

Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we know Your great love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain all expectant mothers and their little ones. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Glenda Pike, Sharon Weier, Ahren Kneschke, Max Lara, Rebecca Allen, Hannah Drinnon, Jordan Rehfeldt, and Aspen Sax, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
All the families who have lost loved ones in the past year, that they may be comforted in the hope of the resurrection.
Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
Faithfulness in confessing the faith to family and friends.
Others who have requested our prayers:

Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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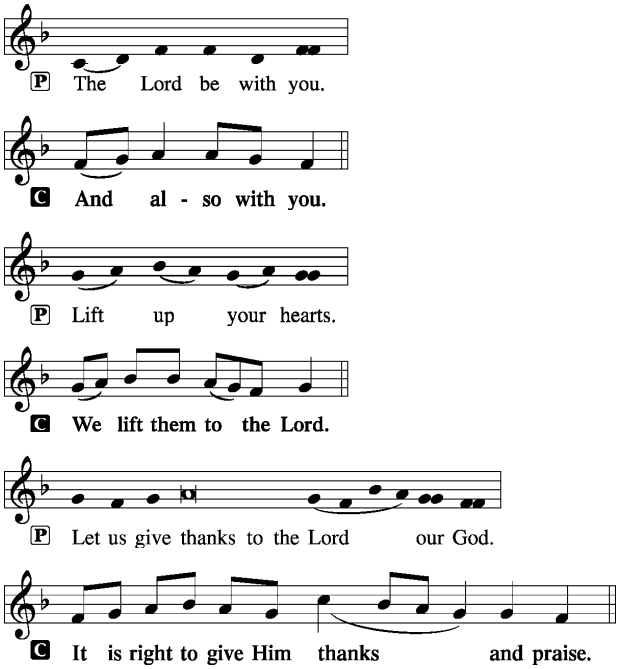
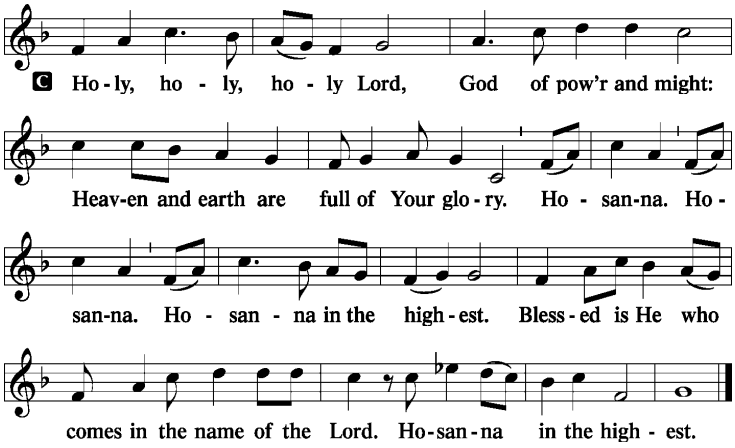


Proper Preface (Full)

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 161*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

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.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 162*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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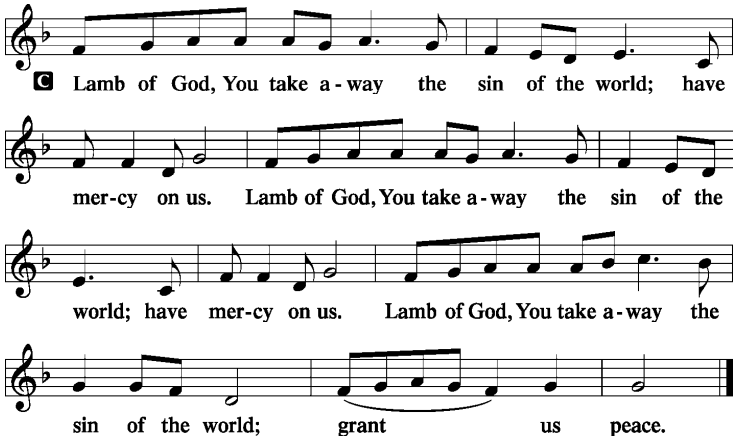

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Distribution

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 — What Is This Bread

LSB 629

1 What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break,
This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace
Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul
He makes us whole— Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe
That I receive His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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Hymn — O God, Our Help in Ages Past — *LSB 733*

1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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Hymn — I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light — *LSB 411*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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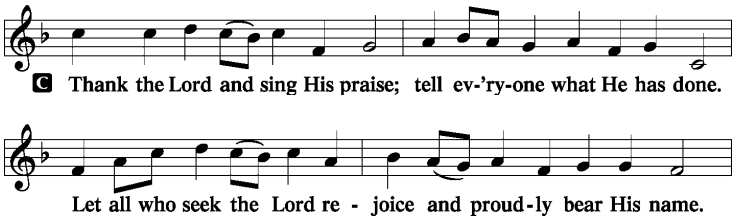
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

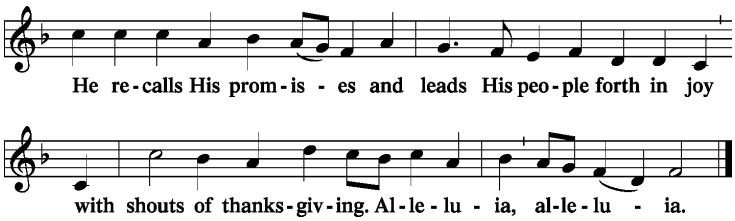
The Dismissal

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.**

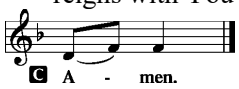
Post Communion Canticle -- Thank the Lord — *LSB 164*





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.



Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Remain standing and face the cross.

When a service begins with a procession led by a Processional Cross, it will usually end with a recessional also led by the Processional Cross. Again, the congregation stands for the recessional.

Hymn — Sing with All the Saints in Glory *LSB 671*

(Sung to the tune of Ode to Joy, LSB 803)

1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

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Postlude — "Little" Prelude and Fugue in C Major — J. S. Bach

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION

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OFFERING USHERS SCHEDULE

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!

- **Today Mike & Angie Twenhafel, Trent & Sharon Morris**
- Nov 8 Amanda Taylor, Katie Crismon, Rhea Sax, & Lindsay Murphy
- Nov 15 Scott & Ellie Spicer, Ken & Gail Frey
- Nov 22 Jeff & Bessie Fick, Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer
- Nov 29 Dustin, Anna, & Chloe Pannier, Waylon Neumann

NOVEMBER ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The November Echo and calendar are now available in the narthex or www.zionmascoutah.org.

A NOTE ABOUT THE ECHO & CALENDAR

You may notice that our monthly newsletter, The Echo, and church calendar look a little different. I no longer have access to Microsoft Publisher, so I'll be using a different program to create these publications. While the look and layout may change a little, my goal remains the same: to keep our church family informed and connected with all that is happening in the life of our church. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I make this transition. I hope you'll continue to enjoy The Echo and use the calendar as a helpful resource for staying up to date on upcoming events and activities. Thank you for your grace and support!
Robin Phillips, Church Secretary

PASTOR DIETRICH OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Dietrich and his wife, Alicia, are away celebrating their second honeymoon. During Pastor's absence, Confirmation students are asked to keep up with their assigned lessons, and Adult Bible Classes will be led by Joe Bloomquist. Today, November 1 (All Saints' Day), we will welcome back Zion's former pastor, Rev. Glen Thomas, who will lead the Divine Service. Please keep Pastor Dietrich and Alicia in your prayers as they travel, asking the Lord to grant them safe journeys, rest, and a joyful time together. We also ask that you keep Pastor Thomas in your prayers as he faithfully proclaims God's Word and administers His gifts to our congregation during Pastor's absence.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – SIGN UP TODAY!

Zion's Sunday School will be performing an original Christmas play on December 20th during our regular Sunday service. There are many speaking parts and we want to be sure your child has a part. Any child of the congregation between 4 years old and 8th grade are welcome to participate. Please sign up **TODAY** so we can get the parts assigned as this is a big undertaking! The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

WELCOME TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Zion's Elders have decided to reestablish our Welcome Team program! We invite members of the congregation to sign up to serve as a Sunday morning greeter. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex, where you can choose a Sunday that works best for you. Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 9:45 AM to warmly welcome members and visitors and distribute bulletins as they arrive. Thank you for helping Zion continue to be a welcoming and friendly place for all who come to worship with us!

SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY

The Men's Club Family Movie series continues this Saturday, November 7th, with *Babe: Pig in the City.* A few weeks following Babe's success at the sheepdog trials, Farmer Arthur Hoggett is injured in an accident, leaving his wife, Esme, to tend the farm alone. Threatened with eviction unless their mortgage is paid, Babe and Mrs. Hoggett venture to a bustling metropolis where they face challenges finding shelter, encounter a colorful community of animals, and strive to raise money to save their farm. Join us in the church basement at 2:30 p.m. for a free movie, soda and snacks.

VETERANS DAY DISPLAY

In honor of Veterans Day, we will be creating a special display at church to recognize those who have served our country. All are invited to contribute military memorabilia from their own service or that of current or past family members who have served. Items may include photographs, medals, certificates, uniforms, hats, or other meaningful keepsakes. Please place smaller items in the designated box in the narthex and larger items in the coat closet. Be sure to clearly label all items with your name so they can be returned to their rightful owners. All items should be submitted by November 4th. Thank you for helping us honor our veterans and their service!

LADIES, ATTEND OUR FALL RETREAT AND LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT CRISIS MANAGEMENT TO FIGHT AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING

Saturday, November 14th, Zion Belleville is hosting the LWML fall retreat which will feature an organization called Monarch Jewelry, which collects old jewelry and creates new. (You are welcome to bring old jewelry to donate!) They partner with Crisis Aid to help sex trafficked people survive. Registration starts at 8:30. There will be a brief speech about these efforts and then you will have an opportunity to shop if you wish. The event will end with lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Indicate if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP by Nov.5th.

ZION CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Let's let others in our community know what God is doing at Zion Lutheran Church! Let's take the opportunity to invite them to "Come Home for Christmas" back to God's house. We need individuals to help with the Christmas float otherwise we will not be able to have a float in the Christmas Parade in December. Please sign-up in the narthex to serve on the Christmas float committee, or contact Bessie Fick at 515-230-9937 or Bessie.Fick@yahoo.com

YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER - MANY WAYS TO HELP!

The Youth Group will be holding our annual puzzle race fundraiser on Saturday, November 14th (see attached flyer in church bulletin). There are many ways you can help make this event a success! First, we are seeking monetary donations to cover at least some of the cost of the following items: purchasing the puzzles, mini bags of chips to sell at the event, soda and water to sell at the event, Amazon gift cards to use for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, attendance prizes (monetary donations or donation of items are both appreciated). Please see Lindsay Murphy, Katie Crismon, or another youth member or parent if you would like to make a donation. Second, we would love for members to get a table together and attend the event - think of other members, or friends/family/coworkers you might be able to ask to join you (teams play in tables of up to 4 people) - you can sign a whole team up using the QR code on the Puzzle Race flyer or via the sign-up sheet in the narthex OR you can sign up individually through the sign-up sheet in the narthex (if you would like us to help you create a team). One last way you can help is by spreading the word! There is a flyer in the bulletin as well as on our church Facebook page - consider sharing by texting the flyer to friends/family/coworkers who may be interested, share on your personal social media page/s and local pages, or share through word of mouth. Any help is much appreciated!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE FINAL COLLECTION PUSH! Every shoebox is more than a gift. It is an opportunity to show a child around the world that they are loved, remembered, and not forgotten. Through Operation Christmas Child, children receive a simple shoebox filled with gifts that can bring smiles, hope, and joy. For many children, the shoebox also opens the door to hearing about Jesus Christ and the Good News of God's love. Your shoebox may

travel farther than you ever imagined and become part of a moment that a child remembers for years to come. What may seem like a small box to us can mean so much to a child who has very little. OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE: National Collection Week is November 16–23, 2026. At this time locations have not been announced. Because of my schedule, I need to have all shoeboxes collected by Monday, November 9. This will allow me time to organize and prepare all of our boxes before National Collection Week. SHIPPING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED: Please remember that $10 is needed for shipping each shoebox. If you are donating a shoebox, please consider including the $10 shipping donation with your box. IMPORTANT: Any shoeboxes donated after Monday, November 9 will be held over and included in next year's collection. THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who has already packed a box, donated supplies, given financially, prayed, or helped spread the word. Together, we can help put a smile on a child's face, give them something tangible to hold onto, and help bring the message of Jesus Christ to children around the world. Questions? Please contact: Konya at 618-954-9483. If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will return your call. Pack a box. Give hope. Share God's love. Operation Christmas Child

LCMS FOUNDATION

You need help to construct a good estate plan and the gift plan within it to family and ministry. But it is also true that no one else can tell you what your plan must look like. God has given you the responsibility to steward these assets. You should never go to your attorney expecting them to tell you what your estate plan is. You go with goals and lean on them to legally and clearly lay them out so that they are carried out. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin working on your goals for family and ministry gifts. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE PRAYERS

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work the Dominican Seminary has done in preparing pastors to serve throughout Latin America. We give You thanks for the ordination and installation of Rev. Oscar Saavedra and the consecration of Deaconess Mayra. Bless them as they serve the people of Holy Bible Lutheran Church in Juárez, Mexico. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUS WINDS CONCERT -- TODAY

Zion Lutheran Church, Belleville, will be hosting "Sanctus Winds" today, November 1st, for a special concert in our sanctuary at 4 pm. Sanctus Winds is a community band of wind, brass, and percussion players who use their musical gifts to the glory of God and features high-quality sacred and traditional literature for the wind band. Matthew Janssen, director and founder of the band, serves as the Director of Bands at Lutheran South and as Kantor at Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, both in St. Louis, MO. Join us and enjoy an afternoon of great music. Zion is located at 1810 McClintock Ave. in Belleville.

68th ANNUAL WURSTMARKT -- TODAY

The Ferrin Men's Club is holding their 68th Annual Wurstmarkt today, November 1st, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL. They will also have sausage for sale. Dinners are $15 and will be served via curbside pickup only. Please follow road signs for pickup.

ST JOHN'S UCC BEEF & NOODLE DINNER

St. John's UCC is having an "all you can eat" beef and noodle dinner on Friday, November 6th. Lunch will be served from 11 AM – 1 PM and dinner from 5 – 7 PM at 55 W. Church St., Mascoutah. Adults are $16, children 6-12 are $5, and children under 6 are free. For carry-outs call 618-566-7311. Benefits go to the Senior Center.

FREE GRIEFSHARE EVENT

"Surviving the Holidays," a special free GriefShare event for those in area communities who are grieving the loss of loved ones, will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, on Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to hear a presentation about resources, strategies and tools for coping with grief during the holiday season. The presentation will focus on how to cope with grief, what to be aware of as the holidays are approaching, and how to find hope in the midst of loss from a Christian viewpoint. Those attending will discover helpful resources about grief and the grief process and will also have opportunities to ask

questions. For more information, call the church office at 618-377-8314. Go to https://find.griefshare.org/events/304569 to find more details and register for the event. Registration is not required. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 625 Church Dr., Bethalto, Illinois.

PROST! POLKAS, PRETZELS, & PFEFFERNUSSE

St. Paul Fine Arts Committee has decided to do a fundraising event for our series. So *Prost!!* We are having a German music and dance program on November 15th in our Heritage Hall at 115 W. B St., Belleville, at 3:00 p.m. There will be plenty of accordion music and German dancers to entertain you. Since this is a fundraiser and not part of our concert series there is a charge to attend of $30 which includes appetizers, soft drinks, beer, and wine. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the St. Paul Office at 618-233-3303.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Free Thanksgiving dinner prepared by St John UCC and community volunteers on Thursday, November 26th. Meals will be delivered to those who sign up. We are offering a meal to those who receive Meals on Wheels, food pantry patrons, senior center participants, and any others in the community who would benefit. If you would like to receive a free meal, contact David Backus at 618-741-4099 or Patty Backus at 618-558-8237.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON

Join us on Friday, December 4, 2026, for a special luncheon featuring Laudamus, the seminary's premier choir, directed by Dr. Sam Eatherton, Kreft Professor for Music Arts. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall, followed by lunch at noon. As part of the ingathering, guests are invited to bring new socks and underwear in infants through children's size 12 for the Re-Sell It Shop. Please bring donations to Koburg Hall. To make a lunch reservation, visit csl.edu/sem-guild-luncheon. For questions, call 314-952-8202.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our study of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Join us as we pick up this week with chapter 13! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we've just begun a new series in Chronicles! Tune in as we discuss 1 Chronicles chapters 2-4! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.) as we talk with leaders of the Lutheran church bodies in the Czech Republic and England; hear stories from Rev. James Thomas, Lutheran pastor and soldier, and Rev. Karl Gibbs, active-duty Navy Chaplain; and explore the November edition of Searching Scripture! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

21ST ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 14th
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Race starts at 6:00 p.m.

Scan for event details and to register

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family in joyful celebration of Katie Crismon's birthday, with prayers for God's continued blessings in the year ahead and to warmly welcome Pastor Thomas. We are delighted and grateful to have him with us again.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer:	Rev. Dr. Glen Thomas
Lector:	Sem. Derek Arrington
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Cohen Bales
Offering Ushers:	Mike & Angie Twenhafel, Trent & Sharon Morris
Acolytes:	Viktor Hatcher, Isaiah Follett, & Grace Wambold (crucifer)
Elder of the Month:	Tony Lara

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 8

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Leif Peterson
Offering Ushers:	Amanda Taylor, Katie Crismon, Rhea Sax, & Lindsay Murphy
Acolytes:	Austin Murphy & Ryan Hinton
Altar Guild:	Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month:	Tony Lara

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	***All Saints' Day***	
	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	6:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Family Movie	2:30 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 25: Sunday: 128

Adult Bible Class: 30 High School: 6 Sunday School: 18