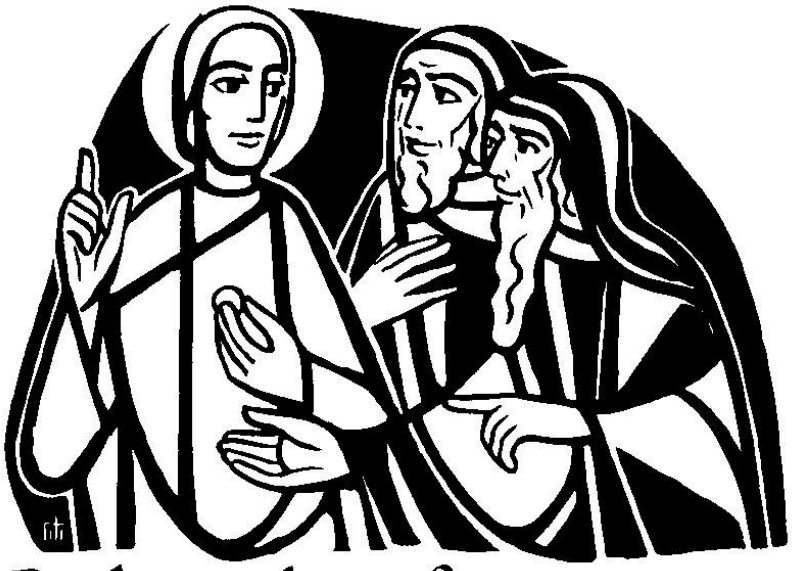
Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to our worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship with us 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.

Prayer to Begin Worship
Gracious God, we thank You for Your goodness and mercy. Be with us as we worship today and remind us of Your unfailing love. Strengthen us to serve You faithfully in all we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ
Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted "to entangle him in his words" by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord's anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations "from the rising of the sun and from the west" (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus "to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings" (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, "in power and in the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

Prelude **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** **arr. Dan Miller**

Sunday School Students **The Fruit of the Spirit**

Hymn **Earth and All Stars** *LSB 817*

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

ref He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

3 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

4 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

5 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

7 Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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Stand

Versicles

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Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

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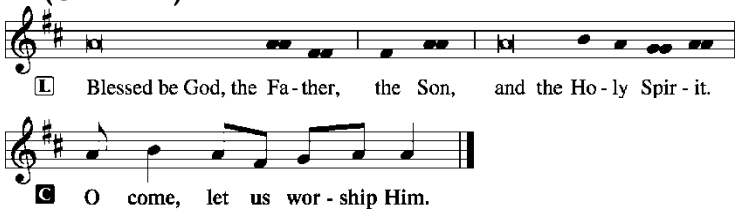

Venite

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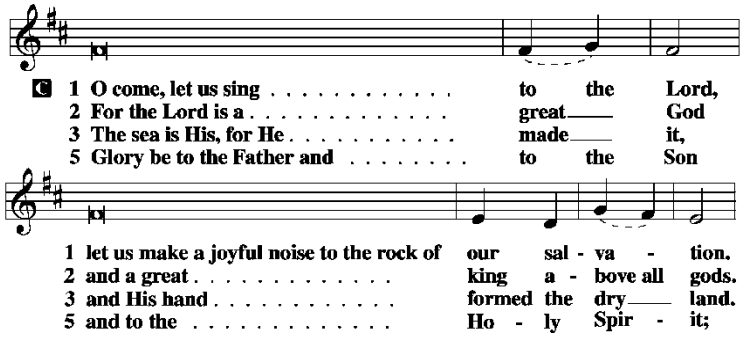

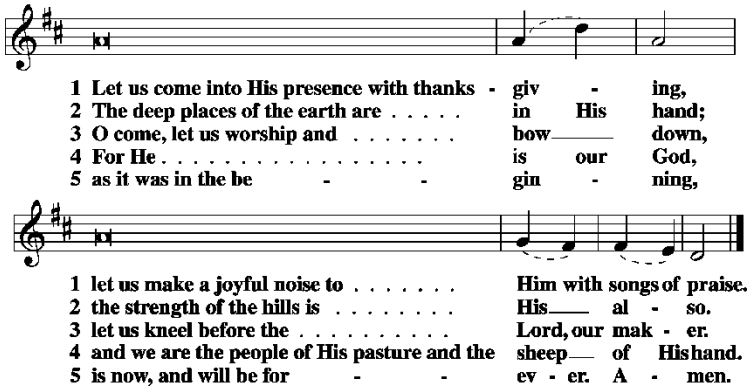

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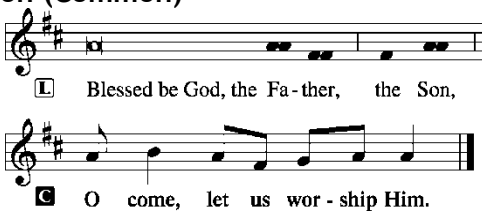

Psalm

Psalm 96:1–9; antiphon: v. 9a

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
C sing to the LORD, all the earth!
P Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
C tell of His salvation from day to day.
P Declare His glory among the nations,
C His marvelous works among all the peoples!
P For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
C He is to be feared above all gods.
P For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
C but the LORD made the heavens.
P Splendor and majesty are before Him;
C strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
P Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
C ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C bring an offering, and come into His courts!
P Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
C tremble before Him, all the earth!
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.

Sit

Hymn — God of Grace and God of Glory — *LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

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Sit

First Reading — *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of My servant Jacob,
and Israel My chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know Me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides Me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know Me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides Me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the Lord, who does all these things."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir **We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace** **Undine Moore**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Third Reading

Matthew 22:15–22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Common Responsory

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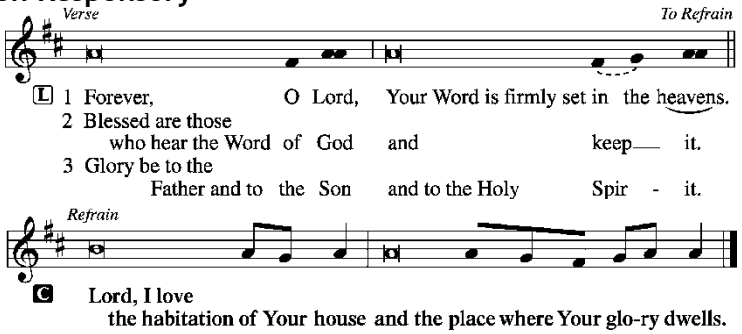

Children's Message

Hymn **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** *LSB 940*

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the_apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Stand

△**5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;**
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

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Sermon

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. But Jesus exposes their hypocrisy and teaches us to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Like the Pharisees, we too are guilty of hypocrisy, failing to give God the honor, trust, and obedience He deserves. Yet Christ willingly went to the cross to free us from the trap of sin and death. Created in God's image and redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we have been united with Him in Holy Baptism. We belong to Christ! And because He has made us His own, we are free to live as His people, giving thanks and praise to God and sharing the light and love of Christ with a world desperately in need of His salvation.

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

Canticle

Te Deum - We Praise You and Acknowledge You

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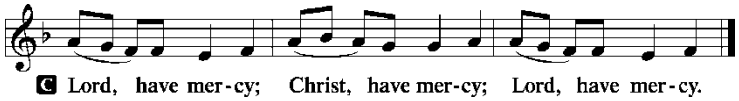
Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Almighty God, we give You thanks for the gift of Your Church, purchased by Jesus' blood. We praise You for joining us to the Body of Christ through Baptism and granting us new life in Him. As You have turned us from idols to serve You, grant us grace amid the scoffing and unbelief of the world to await Jesus' return, when He will deliver us from the wrath to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our salvation, You deliver Your Son's work through Your Word in power and in the Holy Spirit. Strengthen the Church's pastors to proclaim Your truth. Increase the faith of all who hear, that they may respond in love, steadfast in their hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all truth, from the rising of the sun to its setting, You make known Your salvation in Christ. Bless fathers and mothers as they teach their children Your Word and Your ways. Let them know that there is no God besides You and rejoice in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as we render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto You what is Yours, help us to acknowledge that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given by You. Grant wisdom to our leaders, vigilance to our protectors and compassion to those who care for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our help comes from You, who made heaven and earth. You preserve our life. Have mercy upon all who are afflicted. Keep them from all evil, and shade them from all harm. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones. By the proclamation of Christ's victory over death, assure them that all who die in Christ will surely rise to eternal life on the Last Day. Help us all to live each day so that we may face our final hour in confidence and hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Gadge Corey, Ava Pettis, Bennett Bales, Cohen Bales, Beatrice Lockwood, Ryan Hinton, and Ashlee Corey, 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: Tom Heck

O Lord, grant that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of Christ's coming. Reunite us with those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, and grant that we may live in Your eternal presence and sing Your praise without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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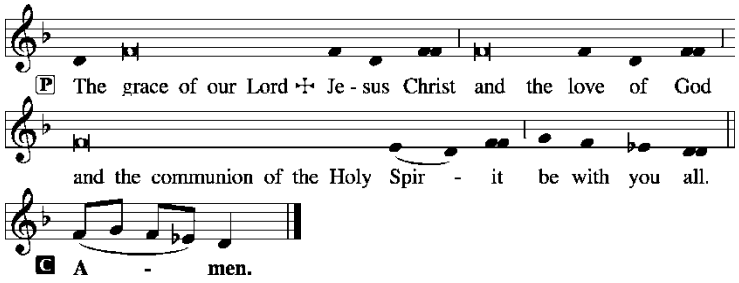
Benediction



Sit

Hymn — We Give Thee But Thine Own — *LSB 781*

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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Postlude — We Give Thee But Thine Own — arr. Jacob Weber

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION

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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!

- **Today** **Luke & Max Lara, Tyler Hinton, & William Huth**
- Oct 25 Tony Lara, Tom Sax, Ruth Rincker, & Linda Hoskins

PASTOR DIETRICH ABSENT NEXT 2 SUNDAYS

Pastor Dietrich and his wife, Alicia, will be away celebrating their second honeymoon from October 21 through November 1. 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. On Sunday, October 25 (Reformation Day Observed), the Divine Service will be led by Rev. Bruce Keseman. On Sunday, 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 Keseman and Pastor Thomas in your prayers as they faithfully proclaim God's Word and administer His gifts to our congregation during Pastor's absence.

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

76th ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER – NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us for our 76th Annual Sausage Supper next Sunday, October 25th from Noon – 5 PM at Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall, 219 McGaughey St., Worden, IL. Carry-out style, $15. Self-serve dining area available. Link, liver, and blood sausage will be sold at the Parish Hall on Sunday beginning at noon.

68th ANNUAL WURSTMARKT

The Ferrin Men's Club is holding their 68th Annual Wurstmarkt on Sunday, 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 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.

LCMS FOUNDATION

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. If you write a personal Christian Preamble/Family Blessing, it is important to remember that you aren't writing it for yourself, but for your target audience such as family, friends, or maybe even fellow Church members. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask you some questions, focusing on your audience. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Last week, we began a new study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and that study continues this week as we pick up with Job 3! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians! We'll be looking at 2 Corinthians 7-11. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/24 at 10 a.m.)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be unpacking the doctrine of good works as found in Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION…

October is National Depression Education and Awareness Month. You can listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. This audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio, Inc., based in Collinsville, IL. LPR, Inc. produces radio talk shows, podcasts, sacred music and talk stations, books, audiobooks, conferences, hymn recordings and videos.

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 in grateful appreciation for our pastor, whose faithful service and spiritual guidance are a blessing to our congregation.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Lector:	Sem. Derek Arrington
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Tyler Hinton
Offering Ushers:	Luke & Max Lara, Tyler Hinton, & William Huth
Acolytes:	Ivar Peterson & James Trame
Elder of the Month:	Dale Wehmeyer

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 25

Proclaimer:	Rev. Bruce Keseman
Lector:	Sem. Derek Arrington
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Hinton
Offering Ushers:	Tony Lara, Tom Sax, Ruth Rincker, & Linda Hoskins
Acolytes:	Callan Crismon, Kyrielle Corey, & Luke Dietrich (crucifer)
Altar Guild:	Candy Andres & Joyce Hendrix
Elder of the Month:	Dale Wehmeyer

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chimes	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Board of Ed	6:30 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Reformation Day	
	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 11: Sunday: 121

Adult Bible Class: 20 High School: 2 Sunday School: 27