

# Zion Lutheran Church



October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Eighteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost



## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!**

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org) – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

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| <p>1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>He, because I could not pay it,<br/>Gave my full redemption price.<br/>Do I need earth’s treasures many?<br/>I have one worth more than any<br/>That brought me salvation free<br/>Lasting to eternity!</p> <p>2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>I have comfort even stronger:<br/>Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.<br/>Should a guilty conscience seize me<br/>Since my Baptism did release me<br/>In a dear forgiving flood,<br/>Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?</p> <p>3 Satan, hear this proclamation:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>Drop your ugly accusation,<br/>I am not so soon enticed.<br/>Now that to the font I’ve traveled,<br/>All your might has come unraveled,</p> | <p>And, against your tyranny,<br/>God, my Lord, unites with me!</p> <p>4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>When I die, I leave all sadness<br/>To inherit paradise!<br/>Though I lie in dust and ashes<br/>Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:<br/>Baptism has the strength divine<br/>To make life immortal mine.</p> <p>5 There is nothing worth comparing<br/>To this lifelong comfort sure!<br/>Open-eyed my grave is staring:<br/>Even there I’ll sleep secure.<br/>Though my flesh awaits its raising,<br/>Still my soul continues praising:<br/>I am baptized into Christ;<br/>I’m a child of paradise!</p> |
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**Baptism of Lexie Jade Dyczewski (10:30 am)**



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



- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
- C** The stone that the builders re- | jected  
has become the | cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's | doing;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.  
This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

## Kyrie

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

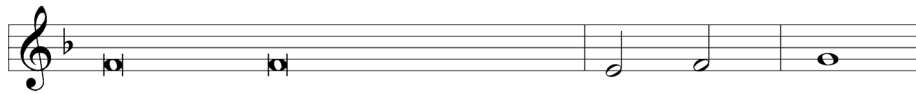
Glorify be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O 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.

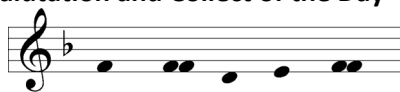


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

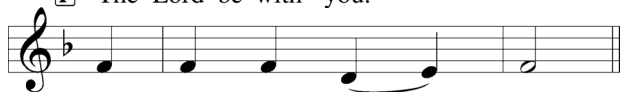


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.

### Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Men's Choir** (8 am)

**Adult Choir** (10:30 am)

## Epistle Reading -- Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his



servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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



**C** 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.

Hymn of the Day – O Love, How Deep

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore,  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



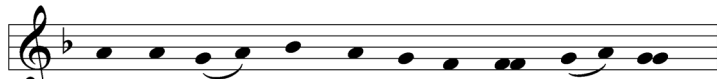
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** 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.

**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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of 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

**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

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

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

## Pax Domini



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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.

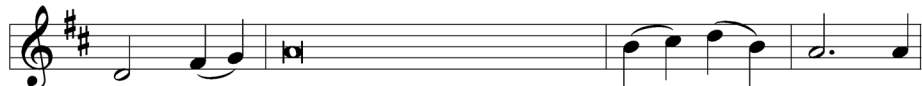
## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

O Living Bread from Heaven	#642
My Song is Love Unknown	#430
If Your Beloved Son, O God	#568



## Nunc Dimittis




**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,

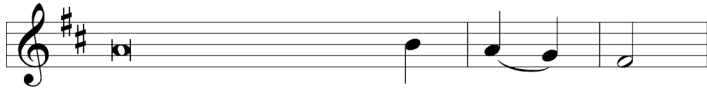


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



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



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

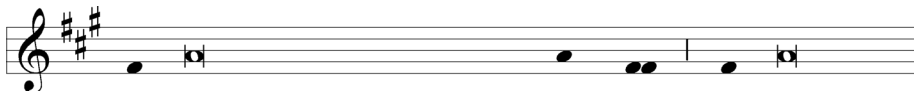


**A** Bless we the Lord.

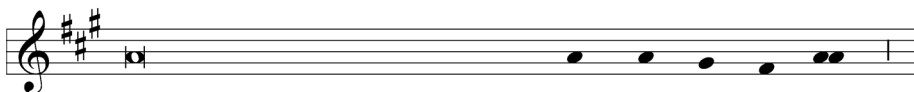


**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

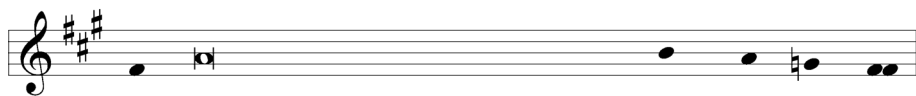


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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





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



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Hymn – Christ, the Word of God Incarnate #540



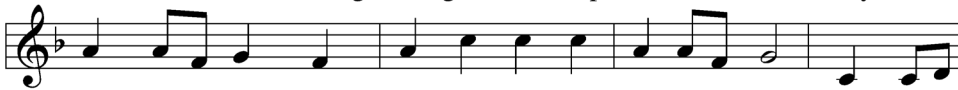
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



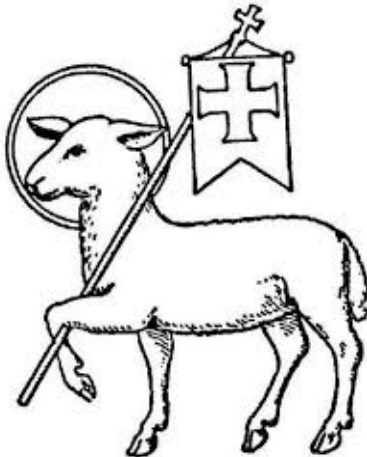
path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

*Cont'd*

5 Christ, the way that leads unailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

**-For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

**-Healing for:** Lois Sauro, Paul Klemash, Natalia Gonzalez, Nick Terminato, Mamie Papeaka, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

**-For our missions/missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

**-For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky and Jacob Linsenbigler who are in Texas following their overseas service.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.

## † *Service Participants* †

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>The Organist:</b>	Sandy Quinlan
<b>The Elders:</b>	Brian Pasquini & Bill Bishop
<b>The Acolyte:</b>	Noah Wallace (8:00) Luke Lemonovich (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
<b>Ushers:</b>	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier, Dale Miller (8:00) John & Tom Garrubba Dan & Tracey Harris (10:30)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Deborah & Mike Sterba in honor of Dottie Heslop's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Paul & Theresa Hayes in celebration of their wedding anniversary. **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judy Dames in memory of loved ones.

**OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS SPECIAL OFFERING** raised a total of \$2,238. These monies will be used to fund the purchase and mailing of items to help our homebound members stay connected to the Body of Christ at Zion. Thank you for your generosity!

**AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION**, an R.S.O. of the LCMS, will be leading a Seminar called "Built on the Rock: The Healthy Congregation." Every Thursday From October 15th through November 12th, Ted Kober will be live streaming the Webinar for all who register in the Eastern District. Free registration with Eastern District when checking out by applying the code "LCMSED" into the coupon area. Please visit <https://healthychurch.events> for more details and promotional videos.

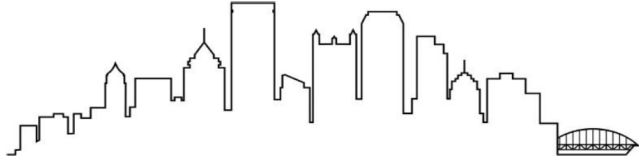


### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/27) – 47 (8 am); 65 (10:30 am)  
Wednesday Worship Attendance (9/30) -- 14  
Saturday Worship Attendance (9/26) -- 11  
Sunday Offering (9/27) – \$3666.00  
Online Offering – \$550.00

## *The Week Ahead at Zion*

<b>SUNDAY</b> 10/4	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> 10/5	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10/6	7:00 PM – Sunday School Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10/7	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10/8	7:00 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10/9	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10/10	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com">www.signupgenius.com</a> or call Susie at 412-977-9066
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10/11	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion



An Evening at the *LeMont* to benefit Redeemer Lutheran School

*We cordially invite you to a fundraiser dinner for  
Redeemer Lutheran School  
At the LeMont Restaurant  
1114 Grandview Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15211*

*7:00 pm. Friday, October 23rd, 2020*

*Tickets: \$75 per couple, \$40 single (Tickets include Dinner and Dessert)*

*Semi-Formal, Valet Parking Available, Cash Bar, Silent Auction, Wine Pull*

*RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Seating is limited.*

*Masks are required when entering and moving around the venue.*

Order Tickets online: [mkt.com/rlspittsburgh](https://mkt.com/rlspittsburgh)

Or complete the RSVP form on reverse side and mail to:

Redeemer Lutheran School

700 Idaho Ave., Verona, PA 15147



## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### What is the "baptismal font"?

In church, the baptismal font is a place where we see the Holy Spirit do His stuff! As St. Paul says in Titus: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). This all happens at the baptismal font.



### Why do we use a baptismal font?

Baptism is important in the lives of God's people. In Baptism you were given the forgiveness of sins, rescued from death and the devil, and given salvation. All of this comes to you through God's Word with the water in Baptism. The font reminds us of the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. It also reminds us that our old sinful self has been drowned, and a new person arises to live in faith!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the baptismal font to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the sign of the cross is made on the congregation, remind your child that the sign of the cross was made on them at their Baptism. It was there that they were marked as one redeemed by Christ.



