Zion Lutheran Church



November 13th, 2022 Twenty-Third 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **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 (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

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

Our Worship

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn – Built on the Rock

- Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling; High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love, Making our bodies His temple.

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- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation. He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us. Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing: "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33



- P Heaven and earth will | pass away, but my words will not | pass away.
- I lift up my eyes | to the hills.

 From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,

who made | heaven and earth.
The LORD is your | keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;

he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in from this time forth and for- | evermore.

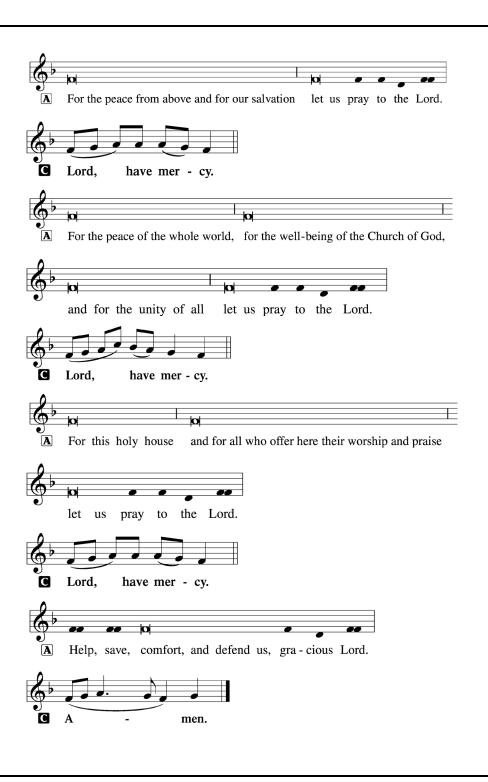
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Heaven and earth will | pass away, but my words will not | pass away.







Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading - Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Men's Choir (8:00 am)
Grace Bell Choir (10:30 am)

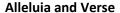
Epistle Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread

without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

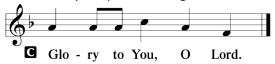
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Holy Gospel

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



While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And

there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







- 1 The day is sure-ly draw-ing near When Je-sus, God's a-noint-ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o-pened then to all, A rec-ord tru-ly tell-ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap-And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on wak - en. all who live will in that hour, By God's al-But ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And dwell - ing, And all be trea - sures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand And the



flames shall rav - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

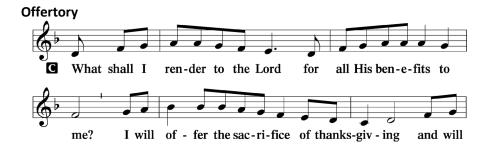
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

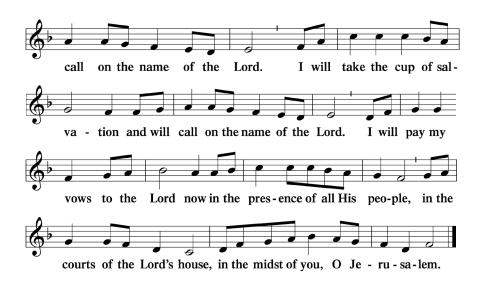
Prayer of the Church

- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- C ... Lord have mercy.

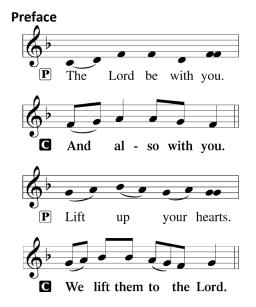
Gathering of Offerings

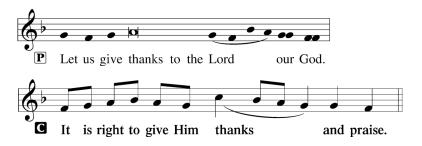
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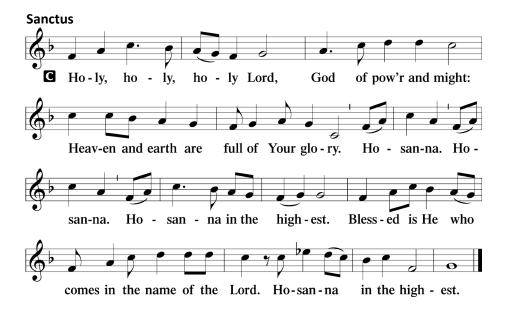


Service of the Sacrament





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

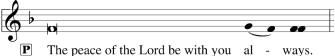
give us this day our daily bread;

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.







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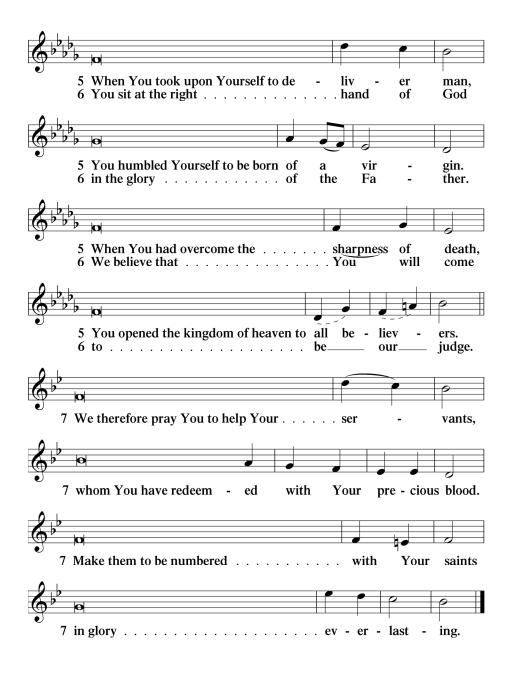
Distribution

If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

Distribution Hymns

O Blessed Spring	#595
Have No Fear, Little Flock	#735
Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment	#511





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

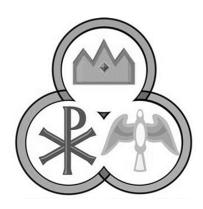


Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.







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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Dottie Heslop, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.
- -Healing & Strength for: Jack Ewing, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Dan, Larry and Fran W., Tom Carthy, Jacque Oelschlager, Bernice DeBoe, Salina Howcroft, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine.
- -For an end to 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.

🕇 Service Participants 🕇

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Doug Krantz

The Elders: Roger Diederich, Bob Schmidt (8:00); Bill Bishop, Jim Neill (10:30)

The Acolyte: Daniel Grimenstein (8:00)

Elder (10:30)

The Ushers: Megan & Ava Pasquini, Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00)

John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager, Barb Oechslein

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Deborah Sterba in celebration of Granddaughter Claire's 12th birthday; and by Charles & Kathy Kacvinsky in memory of Madeline Markel.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Esther Finney in memory of loved ones.

ZION'S 125TH **ANNIVERSARY** is in 2023! All throughout the year we'll be commemorating this milestone in some very special ways. Stay tuned for announcements about special anniversary events, historical articles and vintage photos in our newsletters, and how you can be part of the celebration!



PARENTS ... A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary is equipped with a nursing chair and

changing station items.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/6) – 82 (8 am); 78 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Worship Attendance (11/9) -- 10 Sunday Plate Offerings (11/6) – \$5199 Online Offering – \$1578 Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate

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SUN 11/13	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship
MON 11/14	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 11/15	7:00 PM – Board of Education Meeting
WED 11/16	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Service & Bible Study
THU 11/17	
FRI 11/18	
SAT 11/19	
SUN 11/20	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship



Gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual conversations with others. Our engaging presenters will guide you through research-based insights and give you tools that will help you more comfortably engage in Spiritual Conversations.

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Christ Lutheran Church

400 Barclay Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15221

10:00am - 4:00pm ET

Registration / continental breakfast opens at 8:00am Lunch at noon, provided by the workshop hosts

Please register online at https://linear.gister-pitt.com/linear.gister-pitt.c

PRESENTER



Ashley Bayless Director of Production Lutheran Hour Ministries

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This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

BIBLE VERSE

[God] cares for you.

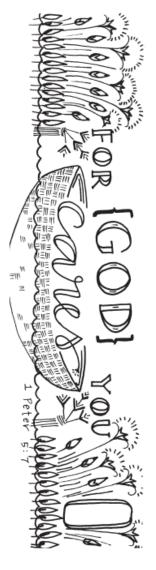
1 Peter 5:7

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Three hundred years after the death of Joseph, Egypt's new pharaoh despises the Hebrews. Pharaoh demands greater work output from the Hebrew slaves while seeking to reduce their population through infanticide. Moses' mother manages to hide baby Moses until he is three months old, when she finally sets him afloat in a basket. Discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses enters a life of privilege.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—The Israelites were treated roughly by the Egyptians, but God continued to be with them. What parts of today's Bible account show this to be true?
- At Meal Time—Moses' mother saved his life by putting him in a small boat—a basket covered with pitch that made it float in the Nile. How is this similar to God's plan for Noah (read Genesis 6)?
- Something to Do—Donate baby items or items that support the Gospel to a charity or pregnancy center.
- Before Bed—God protected baby Moses so he could grow up and help lead God's people out of slavery. What other baby was born to rescue God's people? How did He rescue you?



Eleventh Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During the Holiday season, I enjoy brightening the lives of residents in local assisted living and nursing home facilities in Allegheny County. Many of these people have few, if any, visitors and receive little, if anything, during the Holidays. Last year, through the generosity of local businesses and friends, I helped deliver almost 1000 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp, Gracious Living, Marian Manor, Victorian Place, Washington Hospice, and shut-ins at Zion Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Church. This year I hope to help deliver 1000 gifts again.



By partnering with me, your \$15 will provide each of two residents a fragrance-free hand cream and help them have a very Merry Christmas. These items are specifically requested by caregivers for the benefits the residents receive. The lotions will soothe their hands and bring joy, as well, by the simple "touch therapy" of applying them. They will be delivered in early December.

Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities who once lived and worked in our local communities. Let them know they are remembered! THANK YOU!

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke-Kimberland, or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor, please contact me at:

Ginny Granke-Kimberland, 1610 Glenn St, McDonald, PA 15057 412-427-9013



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER CHURCH WORK!

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

- 1. Pray with your children for God to provide church workers.
- Talk to your children about becoming church workers.
- 3. Thank God for the people who work in your congregation.
 To learn more about Set Apart to Serve, visit Icms.org/set-apart-to-serve.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WORK FOR THE CHURCH!

Professional church work vocations within the LCMS include:



















DEACONESSES

To learn more about each of these professions, visit *lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve*.



