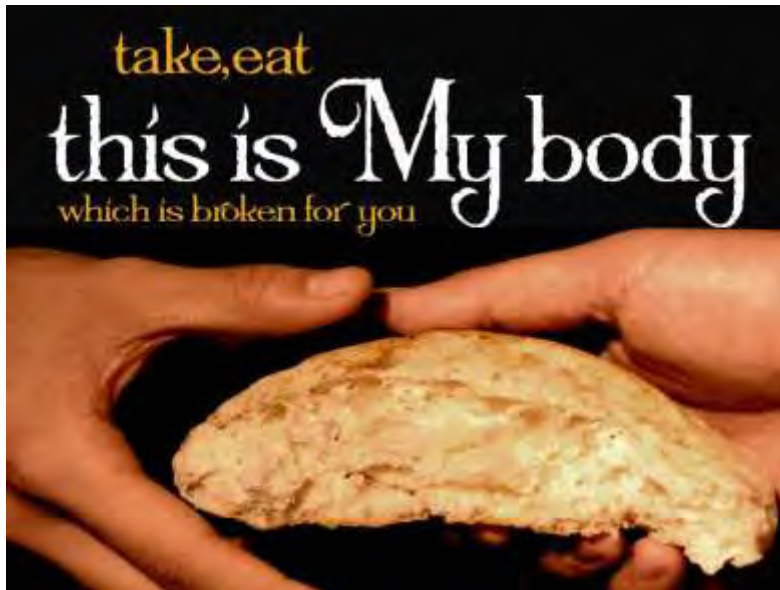


# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*First Sunday of Advent  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bob & Diana Schmidt in Honor of Family Birthdays and Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of grandparents Julia and Andrew Wagner.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her father, Frank Rilius.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is back! Join us for Bible Study and breakfast this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am! Come hungry... for God's Word. And bacon.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**ADVENT.** Our Midweek Advent Services begin on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Join us on Wednesdays in December at 7:00pm as we take a look at the Four Advents. And come early for...

**ADVENT DINNER.** If you are hungry and in a hurry, join us for dinner before our Advent Services. 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**USHERS NEEDED!** Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2016. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

**GIVING TREE** is set up in the back of the church. Please consider taking an angel to purchase a gift for a child for Christmas. Please contact Barb Oechslein with any questions.

**ETERNAL LIGHT & ALTER FLOWER** dates are now available for 2016! Please see the table located in the back corner of the sanctuary for complete directions, the sign-up sheets and payment envelopes. The prices for 2016 remain the same - \$5.00 for the Eternal Light and \$15.00 per vase for the Altar Flowers. Remember: once you have signed up for a specific date and taken the corresponding envelope, please complete the information on the envelope and place it (with your payment) in the offering plate by the due date indicated on the envelope. Have any questions? Please see Carrie Lemonovich or feel free to call her at (412)319-7267.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING!** Mark your calendars! Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. Lunch will be provided!

**CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** for Christmas Eve service can be purchased until Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>! The cost is \$6.75 each.

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

I've been looking forward to this week for quite a while! This is the week when we put together so much of what we have been learning over the course of the last year as we take a look at the Lord's Supper. I don't want to jump the shark and tell you here what I am going to tell you in the sermon, but it will include things that we studied back in our unit on the Apostles' Creed, as well as things we asked for in the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by almost all Christians for all time everywhere. But, like with Baptism, Christians seldom agree on what the Lord's Supper is, who should receive it, and what it is they receive. So this begs the question: why are we right and everyone who disagrees with us wrong? I love that question. I love it because it implies that because people have different opinions, no one can be right. Nothing like passive-aggressive relativism to get you going. We will consider some of the main theological perspectives on the Lord's Supper next week, their strengths and weaknesses. Today, we are going to take a look at what the Apostles' have written about the Lord's Supper. I think you'll like what you hear and will be surprised at how we got to our understanding of the Lord's Supper. (It's actually a lot more simple than you might think!)

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## ***Prelude***

## ***Introduction to Worship and Announcements***

***Opening Hymn: The Advent of Our King*** 331

## ***The Invocation***

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## ***Confession of Sins***

**People:** Lord Jesus Christ, Your Word says that before we receive You as You come to us with Your body and blood we are to examine ourselves. We confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed Your Word and have done what is evil in Your sight. And so we come to You, trusting in Your grace and forgiveness. Have mercy on us and restore to us the joy of our salvation. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

## ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

**People: Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast*** 155

### **Refrain:**

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

### **[REFRAIN]**

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.*

### **[REFRAIN]**

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

**[REFRAIN]**

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 70**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!

Let them turn back because of their sham who say, "Aha, Aha!" May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

### **The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-32**

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on

the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 14:12-25**

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will

betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord***

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The 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.

(Please be seated)

## *Offertory – Advent Alleluia – Adult Choir (10:30)*

### *The Collection of the Offering*

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your



great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross and life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**People: 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 Institution***

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

***Distribution Hymns***

When Peace, Like a River	763
In God, My Faithful God	745
Lord of All Hopefulness	738

***Benediction***

**People:        Amen**

<b><i>The Recessional: When All the World Was Cursed</i></b>	<b>346</b>
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***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Jennifer Liberatore (8:00) Brian & Megan Pasquini & Family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Dan Harris, Ross Chilcott,& Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery 10:30 service:	Linda & Kitt Kroeger & Tess Carter

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/22) - 237

Sunday Offering (11/22) - \$4,194.00

Online Offering - \$390.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# *Week of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11/29</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study (Mark) & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 11:45 AM – Trustees Raking Day (lunch provided)
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>11/30</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>12/1</b>	9:00 AM – Moms In Prayer 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>12/2</b>	6:00PM – Advent Dinner 7:00PM – Advent Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>12/3</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>12/4</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>12/5</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>12/6</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00PM – Sanctuary Decorating (lunch provided)