

November 12th, 2017 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Deborah & Mike Sterba in Honor of their granddaughter Claire's Birthday and Bernice DeBoe in Memory of Bob DeBoe's birthday (Nov. 19th).

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her grandson Matthew Christopher DeBoe.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from MEGAN RICHARDS Romans 8:26 NIV In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for , but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. FREE TO A NEW HOME... although a donation to Zion would be appreciated. The conference room has been refreshed and new Jesus artwork donated. Three framed landscape photos and a Bridgeville sketch are available for claiming through Tuesday, November 14. Please feel free to take them from the corner display in the Sanctuary. (Please leave the easel/stands.) The unclaimed art will be donated to Goodwill on Wednesday, November 15. Please spread the word. (The fall photo by longtime Zion member "Norm" will remain at Zion for annual display each autumn.)

YOUTH GROUP meeting for Parents and Youth will be on Sunday November 19th after church. Join us as we plan events for the youth! If you would like to help with our youth group please contact Michele & Mike Wallace (832-439-1754 or 724-206-8850). <u>mikeandmichelewallace@gmail.com</u>

FINAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CRAFT PARTY is next Sunday, Nov. 19, after second service until 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. FUN will be had! THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR. The Annual Children's Christmas Program "And It Came to Pass" is Sunday, December 10th at 1 PM in the Sanctuary. Come hear and be assured that future generations will receive the GOOD NEWS! WELCOME CENTER! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

STAY CONNECTED with all that is going on at church. If your address, phone number or email address change please let the secretaries know at secretary@zlcb.org **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.)

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 <u>www.zlcb.org/sermons</u>

Opening Hymn – Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the \mathbf{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C 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 +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may a lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

G How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

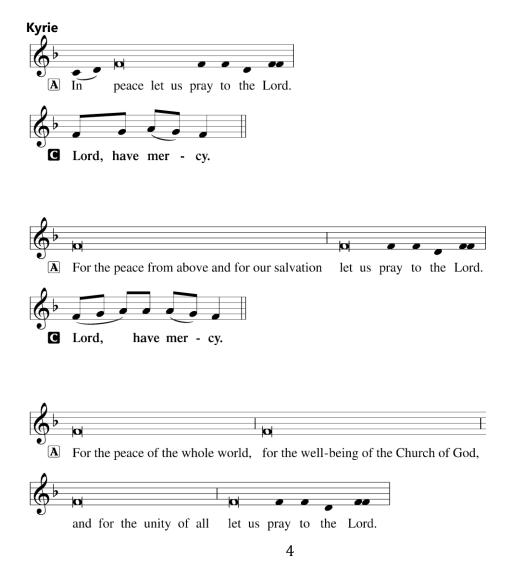
and to the Holy | Spirit;

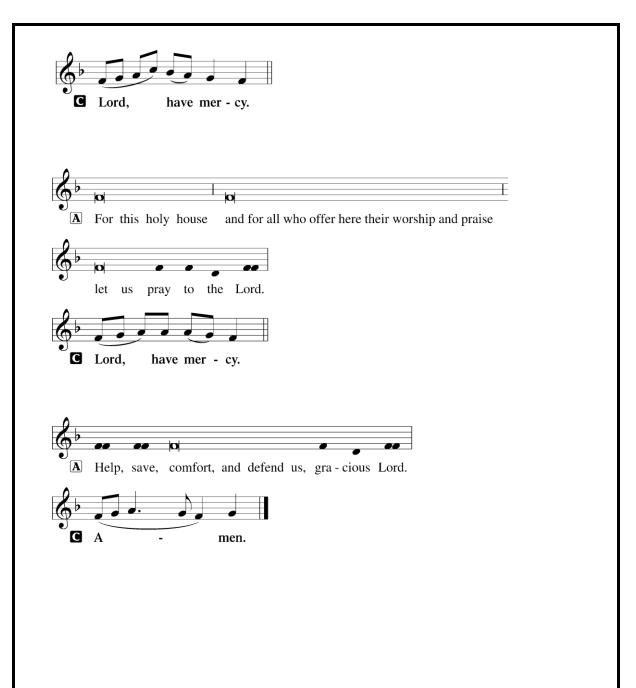
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

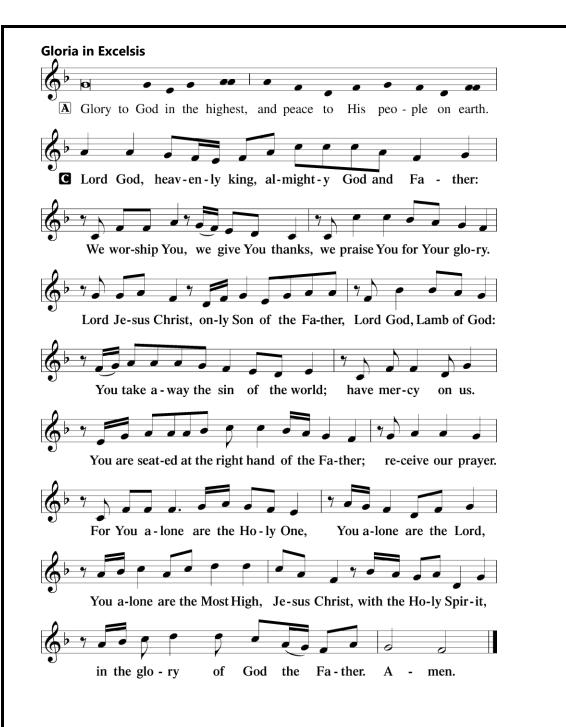
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may a lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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



Holy Gospel

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Sermon

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,

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Prayer of the Church

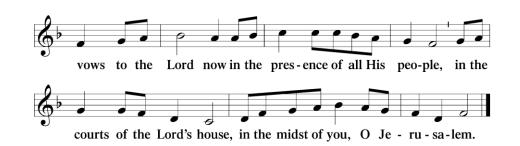
P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

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 stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.





Service of the Sacrament



our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C Amen.

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 + 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 +I+ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

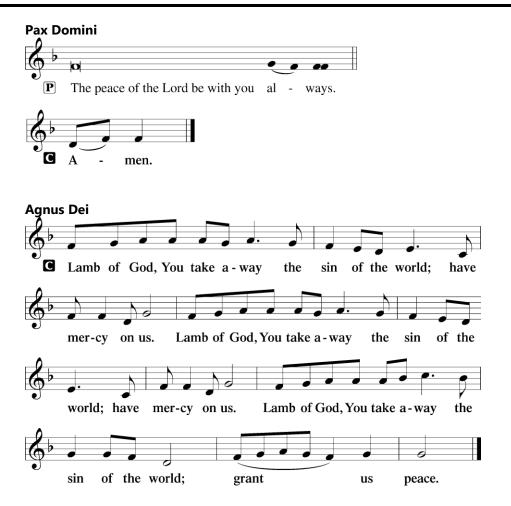
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.



Sharing of Peace

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.



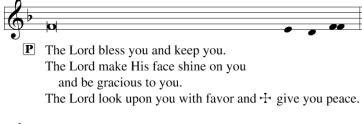
Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C Amen.

Benediction





Closing Hymn – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for: Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ron Lyons, Vince Miller, Beatrice Decker, Ryan McCaffrey, and Bonnie Lewis.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

-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 those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & James Neill
The Acolyte:	John Garrubba (8:00)
	Max Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet (8:00)
	Lemonovich Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00)
	Megan & Brian Pasquini
	Bob Bonacci, Mike Kozak (10:30)
	Mike Wallace & Bill Koester
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Nell Wilson & Tess Carter
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Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/5) – 184 Sunday Offering (10/29) – 3,854.00 Sunday Offering (11/5) - \$5,116.55 Online Giving (10/30-11/3) - \$1,019.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: <u>www.zlcb.org</u>~

Week of November 12th – November 19th

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
11/12	9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	11:45 AM – Events Committee Meeting
MONDAY	6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation Class
11/13	7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation Class
TUESDAY	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir
11/14	7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM – Midweek Service and Bible Study
11/15	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – Bible Study
11/16	
FRIDAY	
11/17	
SATURDAY	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
11/18	
SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
11/19	9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Food Bank Collection	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	11:45 AM – Youth Group Meeting (Youth &
	Parents)
	11:45 AM -1:15PM – Sunday School Craft Party
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- Hello! I am Barb Oechslein and I am on the Bridgeville Area Food Bank Volunteer Committee and coordinator for the Children's Outreach Angel Tree program. Our committee consists of two people and we are looking to find a few one time volunteers to help organize the gifts received from this year's program.
- I need one person prior to Wednesday, December 13 to numerically organize the gifts brought to Zion and make sure all gifts have been received. Call to remind anyone who has not returned gift by Wednesday, December 13.
- I am also in need of two or three volunteers on Thursday, December 14 to help transport the gifts to Bethany Presbyterian Church and organize all gifts received from the area churches. This will be done starting at 12:30 and should be finished before 3:00. If you can only help transport or only help organize any time would be appreciated.
- Please contact Barb Oechslein, boechslein@hotmail.com before Wednesday, December 13 if you can help.