

Zion Lutheran Church



December 9th, 2018
Second Sunday in Advent



3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

(412) 221-4776 (church office)

(412) 523-7896 (Pastor's cell)

www.zlcb.org

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** – 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.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

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 The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

C Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

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 The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

Kyrie



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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;



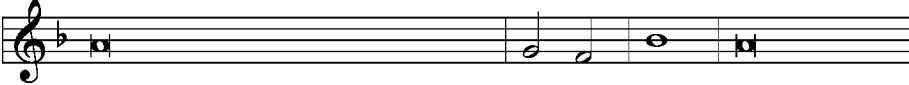
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



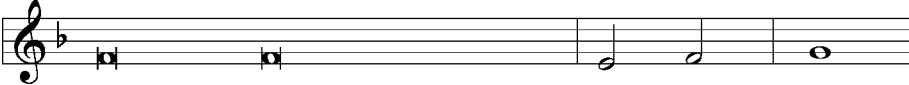
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading – Malachi 3:1-7b

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

8:00am - Adult Choir (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

10:30am - Grace Ringers (Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending)

Epistle – Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

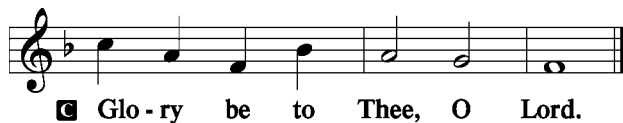
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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



☐ 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

- ☐ **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 † 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."

Pax Domini



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



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



- C** 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.

Sharing of Peace

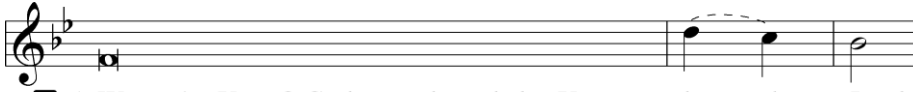
Distribution

Distribution Hymns

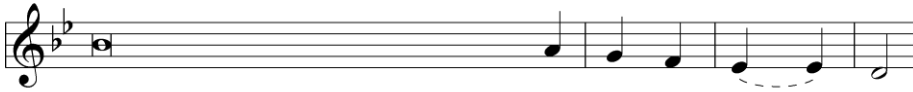
- | | |
|--|-------------|
| Amazing Grace | #744 |
| The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | #634 |
| O Living Bread from Heaven | #642 |



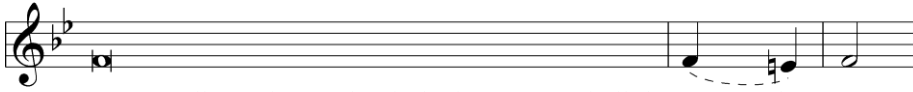
Te Deum



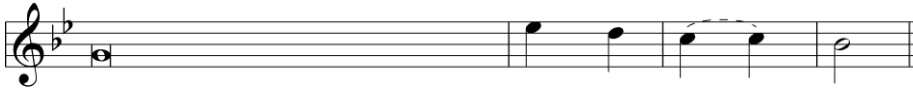
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



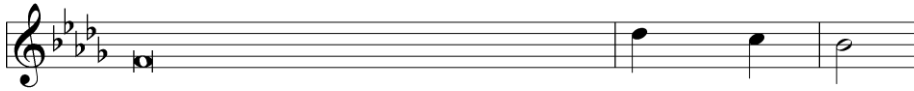
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



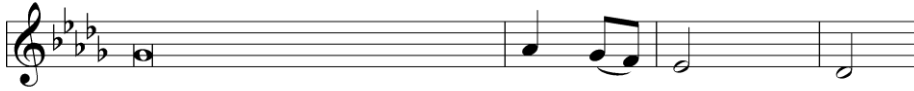
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



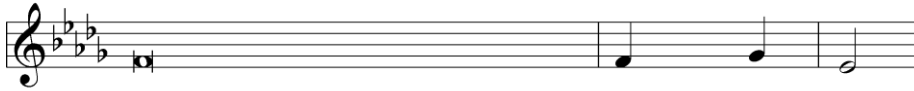
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



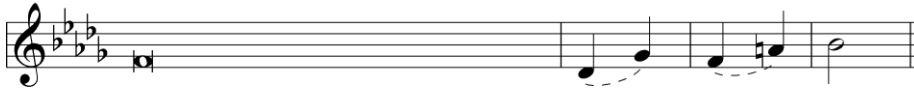
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



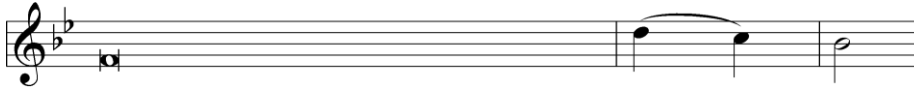
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



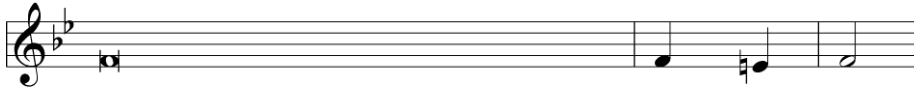
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



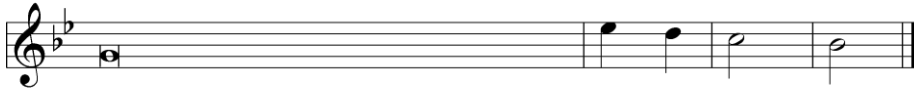
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.

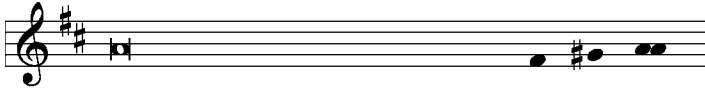


7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints

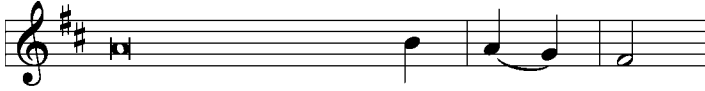


7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

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.

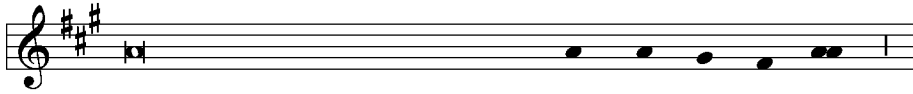


C Thanks be to God.

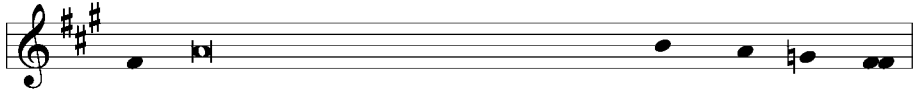
Benediction



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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#821

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, and Irene Bourg.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou Neill, Matt and Chris Back, Sara Jones, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Shannon Mance, Jim Eckels, Nancy Koester and Don Anesin.

- 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.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (12/2) – 170

Midweek Worship Attendance (12/5) - 71

Sunday Offering (12/2) - \$6,594.30

Online Offering (11/26-11/30) - \$723.00

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

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Jack Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bobbie & John Hoelle (8:00) Jim & Mary Lou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier & Lydia Grimenstein (8:00) Kari & John Gresh Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Tess Carter & Nell Wilson

December 9th – December 16th

SUNDAY 12/9 Food Bank Collection	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 12/10	6:00 PM - Confirmation Class 1 st Year 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class 2 nd Year 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 12/11	6:15 PM – Grace Ringers 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Ringers
WEDNESDAY 12/12	6:00 PM – Advent Family Dinner 7:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 12/13	7:00 PM – Ladies Craft Night
FRIDAY 12/14	
SATURDAY 12/15	10:00 AM – Sunday School Program Dress Rehearsal
SUNDAY 12/16	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Christmas Program & Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given Paul & Theresa Hayes in Memory of Loved Ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her father Roman Rybarski's Birthday.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please silence or turn off your cell phones during service.

ADVENT FAMILY DINNERS... join us during the midweek advent services for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you will be attending. These are great opportunities to have fellowship during the busy season of Christmas.

OFFERING ENVELOPES...Are available at the back of the church. Please pick up your offering envelopes this Sunday. Any questions please contact Nancy Klemash.

HOMEMADE FINGER DESSERTS are needed for the Sunday School Christmas program on December 16th. Please use the sign up sheet located in the narthex. Desserts can be delivered to the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 15th between 10:00-11:30am OR Sunday, Dec. 16th during the Sunday School hour. Please label your special creations "FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL".

CHURCH DIRECTORY... It is not too late to be included in the Church Directory. Anyone who did not have their photo taken can submit a photo to secretary@zlc.org.

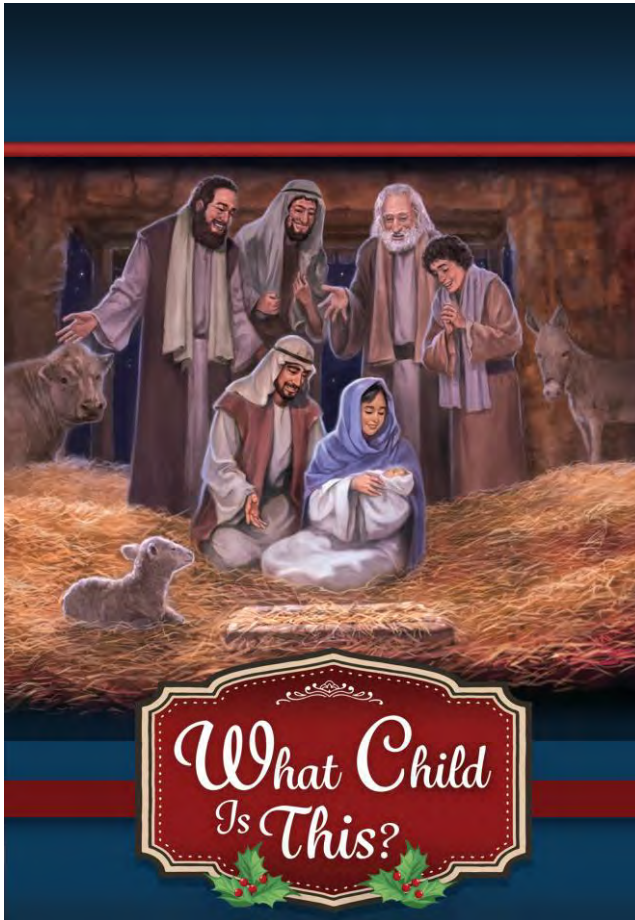
YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS... Thank you so much to all of those that purchased soup last Sunday and contributed to the envelope fundraiser. Both were a huge success! Don't forget if you ordered soup to pick them up either Today or next Sunday (depending on which day you selected). Be on the look out for their next fundraiser!

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

Advent Services — What Child is This

Weekly Services on Wednesday's

*Join us for Midweek Advent Service and Dinner!
Dinner begins at 6:00pm followed by church service at 7:00.*



NEXT SUNDAY!

Sunday, December 16th 1:00 PM

**Please buy your Luncheon tickets TODAY after
either service!**

(Lunch will be served following 2nd service)





JOIN US
FOR CONCORDIA'S
SIXTH ANNUAL
LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 16

148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023
(Entrance #5, Haven II)

Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- *Featuring Concordia staff and residents*
- *Live animals*
- *Hot beverages and refreshments (indoors)*
- *Gift for children 12 and under*
- *Live Christmas music (indoors)*
- *Free admission*

This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8343 or visit www.concordialm.org.

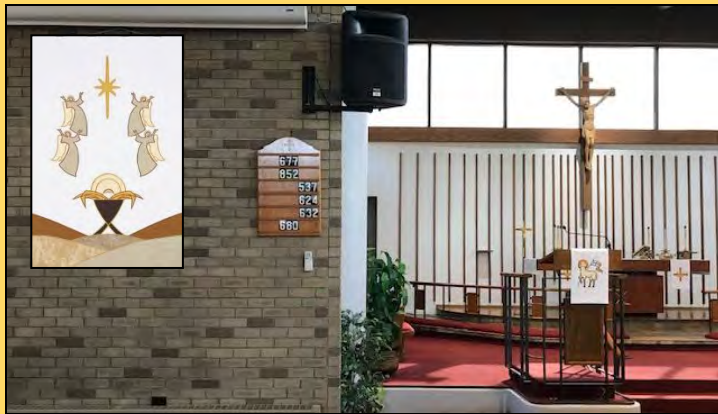


Banner Project



Sanctuary with new banners

A Banner Fund has been created to raise money for the purchase of new banners for the front walls of our sanctuary. These handcrafted banners will be designed to coordinate beautifully with the new altar/pulpit paraments that were purchased last year. We are hoping to purchase banners for our new green, white, blue & red parament sets. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please write "Banner Fund" on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you!



Sanctuary with new banners



THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Invites you to come and hear
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, rector of the
Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia

Saturday, January 5th
Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville
3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville PA

Noon: Champagne Luncheon & presentation
1:00pm: Epiphany Service of Prayer & Preaching
Rev. Alexei Streltsov, guest preacher

"AFTER 70 YEARS OF DEVASTATING ATHEISM AND 10 YEARS OF INFILTRATION OF ALL KINDS OF SECTS AND CULTS INTO RUSSIA, PEOPLE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE SHALLOW TALKER WHO IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE POP PSYCHOLOGIST. PEOPLE LONG FOR DEEP THEOLOGY AND FOR THE REAL SACRAMENTS . . . AS LUTHERANS WE KNOW THAT ONLY CONFSSIONAL LUTHERAN TEACHING CAN GIVE PEOPLE THE PURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SO THAT THEY COULD FIND REAL COMFORT IN THE TRUE GOSPEL.."

- REV. ALEXEI STRELTSOV



www.siberianlutheranmissions.org

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

Pancake Fundraiser Dec. 30th @ 9:00am. Join us between services for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. All monies earned will go towards the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer!!



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Youth Group Lock in. All youth are invited to attend this event. Friday January 4th to Saturday January 5th.

