

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018*  
*Christmas Day*



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*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** For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

**C** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.  
 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!  
 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** For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
 and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
 and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

### 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;



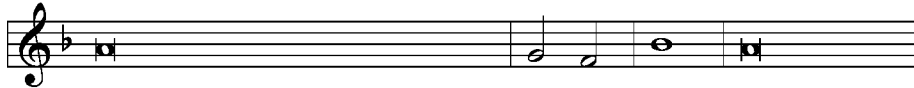
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




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



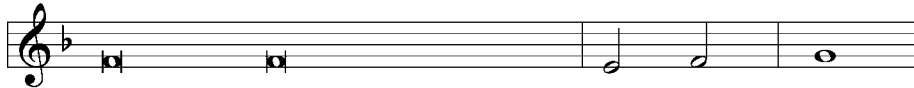
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle – Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

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

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

## Alleluia



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

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him

was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**



He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – We Praise You, Jesus at Your Birth

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Sermon

Offertory

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**

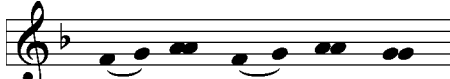
**Prayer of the Church**

**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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

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

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

### Pax Domini



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**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

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light #378

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come #358

### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now letttest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

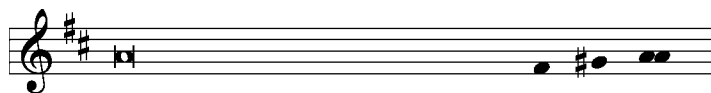


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

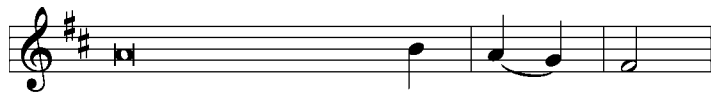


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving



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



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

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**Benedicamus**

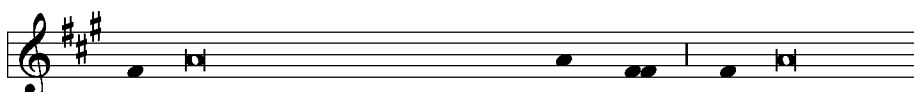


**A** Bless we the Lord.

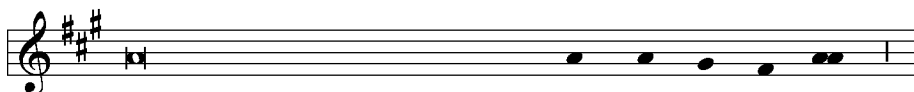


**C** Thanks be to God.

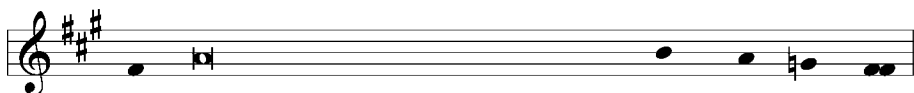
**Benediction**



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



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



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



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn – Angels From the Realms of Glory

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### ***The Church:***

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

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

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Sarah Grimenstein (10:00)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (10:00)
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

*December 25<sup>th</sup> – December 30<sup>th</sup>*

TUESDAY 12/25	10:00 AM – Christmas Day Service
WEDNESDAY 12/26	
THURSDAY 12/27	
FRIDAY 12/28	
SATURDAY 12/29	
FRIDAY 12/28	
SUNDAY 12/30	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:00 AM – Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9:15 AM – Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

## 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 by Paul & Theresa Hayes in Celebration of The Birth of our Lord & Savior and Kim & Tom Erbrecht in Celebration of The Birth of Christ and Jeremy & Michael's 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judy Dames in Memory of Loved ones.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE** music will begin at 6:00pm (1 hour before service) on Christmas Eve. Join us early to enjoy the musical talents of Zion's members.

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS...** Join us at 9:00am on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> for a pancake breakfast fundraiser. The youth group will be preparing breakfast that morning for you all to enjoy! So make sure you come hungry and ready to eat!!

**YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY...** Calling all Youth!! On Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Youth Group Lock-in. Join us for a fun evening!!

**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)



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**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



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# YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

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



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

