

# Zion Lutheran Church



HEAVEN AND EARTH  
WILL PASS AWAY, BUT  
*my words*  
WILL NOT PASS AWAY.  
MARK 13:31

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Last Sunday of the Church Year

## Service of Prayer & Preaching



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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**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.**

### Introit

**P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth

**C** **the home of righteousness.**

**P** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

**C** **let me know how fleeting I am!**

**P** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

**C** **and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

**P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

**C** **My hope is in you.**

**P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**C** **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD,

**C** **and give ear to my cry;**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

**C** **the home of righteousness.**

## **Kyrie**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Collect for Grace**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 51:4-6**

“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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

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

### **Epistle Reading – Jude 20-25**

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

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

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

### **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

▣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending #336**



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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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.**



***Staci Taylor (8:00 am)  
Dallas Blayney (10:30 am)***

### **Prayer**

**P** In Peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**



**P** For those medical workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic, for those suffering from this illness, for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, and for all those who are adversely affected by this pandemic, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

## 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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## 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."

## 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.*

## 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.

**C Amen.**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn – Christ is Surely Coming #509**



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,  
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,  
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:  
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;  
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,  
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!  
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!  
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

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

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-**Healing for:** Rita Sheldon, Joyce Wood, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob and Sheryl McCanless, Grant German, Ted Siek, Albert Hatala, Dennis Finney, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Eva Bukovitz, Megan Richards, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Mabel Granke, and Jennifer Meyer.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### ***The World:***

-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:***

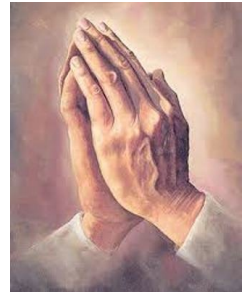
-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.



## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Guest Preacher:	Rev. Philip Jaseph
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Elders:	Bob Schmidt, Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Decklan Pasquini (8:00) Claire Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul Hayes in celebration of Terry's birthday; and by Nancy Klemash in thanksgiving for her mother's 95th birthday and for all God's blessings.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Tim & Rita Sheldon in memory of loved ones.

**WELCOME TO ZION** Pastor and Rachel Jaseph! God's blessings as you embark on your missionary work in Uruguay.

**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 (11/14) – 49 (8 am); 71 (10:30 am)

Wednesday Worship Attendance (11/17) – 12 (2 pm); 15 (7 pm)

Sunday Plate Offering (11/14) – \$3651 Online Offering – \$1135

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*

## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>11/21</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Jaseph Family Mission Presentation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>11/22</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> yr Confirmation 6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>11/23</b>	
<b>WED</b> <b>11/24</b>	2:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service (no Bible study) 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service (no Bible study)
<b>THU</b> <b>11/25</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/26</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>11/27</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>11/28</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship <b>SPARE CHANGE SUNDAY</b>



## Save the Seminary Campaign

*Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church  
(a partner church of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

[www.siberianlutheranmissions.org/](http://www.siberianlutheranmissions.org/)  
[www.facebook.com/siberianlutheranmissions](https://www.facebook.com/siberianlutheranmissions)

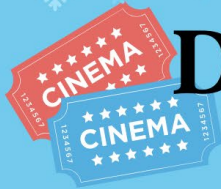
The *Siberian Lutheran Mission Society* is working to help support our Siberian Lutheran brethren. They raise funds to support the Pastoral Office in the Siberian Lutheran congregations. They also gather funds to purchase Communion kits, Altar ware, Bibles, VBS materials, and so forth.



**Zion Lutheran Church will be designating all offerings at our Thanksgiving Eve Services to the *Siberian Lutheran Mission Society's* work of creating a seminary endowment. You may donate via check or cash in your envelope. Please make all checks payable to "Siberian Lutheran Mission Society." You may also mail your check to the church office or contribute online.**

To watch videos of the seminary's work and life as a Siberian Lutheran, check out the videos at: [www.siberianlutheranmissions.org/videos](http://www.siberianlutheranmissions.org/videos)

The Zion Youth Group and Events Committee present ...



# *Christmas* Dinner & a Movie

*Sunday, December 19th*

Movie matinee in Sanctuary at 3:00 pm

Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 4:30 pm

*Christmas cookie table & punch/coffee*



*A sweeping holiday musical depicting our  
most beloved Christmas traditions*

***Tickets -- \$8 adults, \$5 kids 5-11  
kids under 5 free***

Dinner of Chicken Milanese or Roast Beef ... bring an appetizer  
or side dish to share!

Tickets sold Sunday Dec 5th & 12th in the church narthex  
following both services



The Bridgeville Area Food Bank would like to bless the 40 registered children with gifts at the December distribution. Starting today you will have the opportunity to participate in purchasing a gift of a toy or clothing for a child in need. Each ornament is marked with the child's age. If you wish to participate, chose an angel gift tag from the tree set up in the back of the church, sign next to the number recorded on the angel, return your unwrapped gift costing around twenty dollars with the gift tag attached no later than Sunday, December 12.



*In Christ's Service, Barb Oechslein, Bridgeville Area Food Bank Representative*

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**Every year we decorate our altar area with poinsettias at Christmas. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.**

**The poinsettias will be displayed on Christmas Eve. You may pick them up after the 7 pm service, or the Christmas Day service.**



**Please, remove only the number of flowers you ordered.**

**The flowers may be ordered until Sunday, Dec 5th. Order forms are on the welcome table in the Narthex. Payment must accompany your order. If you have any questions, please call the office at 412-221-4776 ext. 203, or email [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org).**

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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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## **What is the “Sunday of the Fulfillment”?**

The Sunday of the Fulfillment, which is the last Sunday in the Church Year, is the day we celebrate and look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus on the Last Day in time.

## **Why do we celebrate it?**

Have you ever had to wait for a really exciting gift that you’ve always wanted? What was it like when you finally received the gift? The waiting may have been difficult, but when you finally

received the gift, it made all of the waiting seem “fulfilled” or complete. As Christians, we are eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus to return. When he returns, as Scripture says, He will take His people to be with Him in His glorious Kingdom forever. Now that is something to celebrate and be excited about!



**Parents:** At home, discuss with your children what will happen when Jesus returns. Take time to read through portions of Matthew 24 and 25. Remind them that in Baptism Jesus makes us His people. Through faith in Him, we live as Christians patiently awaiting His return.



