

# Zion Lutheran Church



October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## **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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 -- **zlcg.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 (1 Cor. 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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

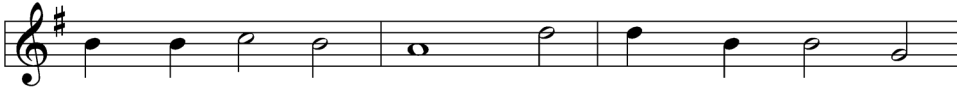
### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
 Your God, ye fallen race.  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
 The Lamb of God was slain.  
 His soul was once an off'ring made  
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n  
 By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text and tune: Public domain

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

**Introit -- Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a**



**P** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised  
in the city | of our God!

**C** **My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;  
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

**Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!**

**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me  
and delivered me from | all my fears.**

**When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.**

**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** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised  
in the city | of our God!

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading – Ruth 1:1–19a**

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 2:1–13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## **Holy Gospel**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

**C** **Praise to You, 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day – Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old #846



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

### Gathering of Offerings

*Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary.*

## 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.

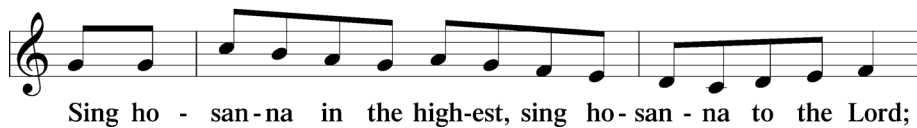
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, 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:

### Sanctus



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



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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 a 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 come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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 always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



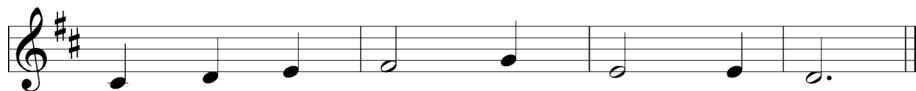
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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.*

### Distribution Hymns

When to Our World the Savior Came	#551
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	#620
O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee	#632

## Nunc Dimittis

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**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.

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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 – Now Thank We All Our God #895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

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

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing for:** Rose Steranko, Dan, Larry and Fran W., Tom Carthy, Jacque Oelschlager, Bernice DeBoe, Salina Howcroft, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Jennifer Meyer, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Eva Bukovitz, Al & Carol Riske, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

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

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

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

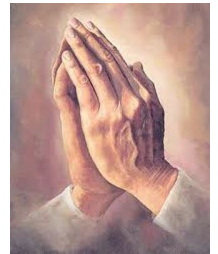
-For the youth in our community.

### ***Our Nation:***

-For our leaders and government officials.

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

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.



## † Service Participants †

Guest Pastor:	Rev. James Oester
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Roger Diederich, Bob Schmidt (8:00); Bill Bishop, Jim Neill (10:30)
The Acolyte:	Christian Bonacci (8:00) Lizzie Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Larry Zreliak (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Luke Lemonovich, Sam Bishop (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL LIGHT** are given by Roberta Hoelle in memory of her husband John Hoelle.

**ALL-CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY 10/23**  
**AFTER SECOND SERVICE** in the Fellowship Hall. Stay up-to-date with the happenings at Zion, and enjoy a sandwich & salad lunch with your church family!



**PARENTS ...** Children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the themes for that week's worship service in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church or take them home to use later! If your young child becomes fussy during Worship, a Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required.



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/2) – 56 (8 am); 73 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (10/5) -- 11

Sunday Plate Offerings (10/2) – \$5080 Online Offering – \$11,205

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>10/9</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship	Pastor away on vacation
<b>MON</b> <b>10/10</b>	6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells	
<b>TUE</b> <b>10/11</b>	7:00 PM – BOE Meeting	
<b>WED</b> <b>10/12</b>	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Service & Bible Study	
<b>THU</b> <b>10/13</b>	7:00 PM – Council Meeting	
<b>FRI</b> <b>10/14</b>		
<b>SAT</b> <b>10/15</b>	9:30 AM – 10K Lutheran Bike Ride for Life 10:00 AM – LCMS Pgh Circuit Meeting at Zion	
<b>SUN</b> <b>10/16</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship Voters' Mtg after 10:30 service – lunch served	

Zion's 2nd Annual

# REFOR-FEST!

*Join us for...*

*Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Noon - 3:00PM*

*Rain or shine!*

*Catered German Meal!*

*Beer & Root Beer!*

*Guessing Jars!*

*Pastor's Famous Bingo!*

*Kid Activities - Pumpkin Painting, Pinata, Potato*

*Sack Races! "Pin-the-heart-on-The-Luther-Seal"*

*Steelers vs Eagles game on the big screen!*

## **Advance Tickets Required!**

Adults - \$14    Kids (3-10yrs.) - \$7    2 & under - FREE  
Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Sunday services!

**Questions? Contact [events@zleb.org](mailto:events@zleb.org)**



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### 10K Lutheran Life Bike Ride

Join Lutherans from local LCMS churches on the 3 River's Heritage Trail from the Hot Metal Bridge to Station Square on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (rain date Oct. 22nd at 9:30 am). Members from Ascension, First Trinity, Peace, Redeemer & Zion Lutheran churches are raising funds for Mary's Place of the South Hills, a Christian maternity home for pregnant and parenting women in need. All funds raised will be matched by the Synod's Million Dollar Life Grant program. Registration is \$5/ind; \$10/fam. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Contact Joy Berardelli for more information to sponsor riders: JoyBerardelli@yahoo.com or 724-601-5057 (cell). Donations can also be forwarded to Peace Lutheran Church, 107 Carol Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Checks made out to Peace Service Team, memo line: 10K Ride.

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Good Samaritan Hospice, a subsidiary of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will hold a Youth Bereavement workshop for children and teens (and their caregivers). This free, fall-themed event was developed to help young people manage the death of a loved one.

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1-5 pm

**Where:** The Mansion in Butler, 141 Mansion Ln,  
Butler, PA

**RSVP:** 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4426



**Volunteers are needed! Please call the number above if you are interested.**



## This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

### BIBLE VERSE

Beloved, let us love one another.

1 John 4:7

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham's homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah's family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—Abraham wanted Isaac to have a wife who was faithful to God. This was important to him and his family. Name some women you know who believe God sent Jesus as our Savior.
- ▶ *At Meal Time*—In the story, the servant said that God led him to Rebekah. Do you think that God would lead you to someone you are supposed to marry? Why or why not?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Abraham's servant began and ended his journey with prayer. As a family, begin and end your day with prayer.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Through the words of the prophet Jeremiah, God told the exiled people of Israel that He had a plan for them (Jeremiah 29:11). God also has a plan for you. How does each person in today's Bible account show trust in God and His plan?



# SAVE THE DATES

**Our Women's Ministry Group has some exciting events planned.  
Mark your calendars with these upcoming fellowship opportunities:**

**Friday October 21st—Ladies Craft Night featuring Holiday Crafts  
7:00 PM in the fellowship hall  
Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share.  
RSVP to [grmnstns@live.com](mailto:grmnstns@live.com) OR sign up in the Narthex**

Ladies  
Craft  
Night

**Friday November 11th—BUNCO/Kitchen Shower— Details to follow**

Bunco

**Sunday December 11 - Ornament Exchange  
Napoli Restaurant 6-9 pm  
More details to follow**



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the “Offering”?

This is the time during the service when we offer gifts to God with the rest of the congregation. The Offering is concluded with the *Offertory*, which is the song that we sing while these gifts are being presented at the altar.



## Why do we give some of our money to the Church?

The money that we give goes to help support all the work of the church. If you think about it, all that we have is a gift from God. When we give an offering, we are saying thanks to God for all of His wonderful gifts. As

Christians, we give to God in response to what He has given to us: life; food; family; and, most important, our Savior Jesus! We don't give because we have to, we give because, in faith, we want to!



**Parents:** Before the Divine Service, remind your children what giving to the Offering means. Help them to think of all the things that they have and how they are really gifts from God. Encourage them to set aside a certain amount of their own money each week to give.

