

Zion Lutheran Church



***5 p.m. Saturday Night Casual Worship
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2023***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light

ELW 815

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℣ And also with you.)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (℣ Amen.)

FIRST READING (℣ Thanks be to God.)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge from one generation | to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night; R**

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**

[⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are
gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

] ¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R**

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:14-30

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

PEACE (℟ And also with you.)

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER (℟ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (℟ Amen.)**

***THE 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Servants in God's House

November 18, 2023

5 p.m.

Donna Huffer (Lector)

Donna Jean Brandenburg (Comm Asst)

Servants in God's House

November 25, 2023

5 p.m.

Donna Huffer (Lector)

Donna Huffer (Comm Asst)

Servants in God's House (S.I.G.H.) sometimes gets edited and changed after the bulletin is printed. For the most correct S.I.G.H. Schedule, always visit our website at www.ZionMiddletown.org and click on the Members Area tab. Scroll down to the middle of the page and you will find a link to the most up-to-date schedule! And thank you for volunteering to be a Servant in God's House today!

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all the dedicated volunteers who donate their time, talents and treasures, by Kathy and Bob Hetrick.



Zion Prayer List 11-18-2023

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Lucretia Reaves, Jessie, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Jennifer Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Dawn Shinault, Linda Crummitt, Lois Holder, Robert Roys, Cathy Baker, Robert Mettert, Janet Young, Gary, Kay & Michael Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazek, The Hubble Family, Kate Stevens, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Linda Huckleberry, Nancy Newkirk, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Deaths: Lyla Scott and Joyce McAllister

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.



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