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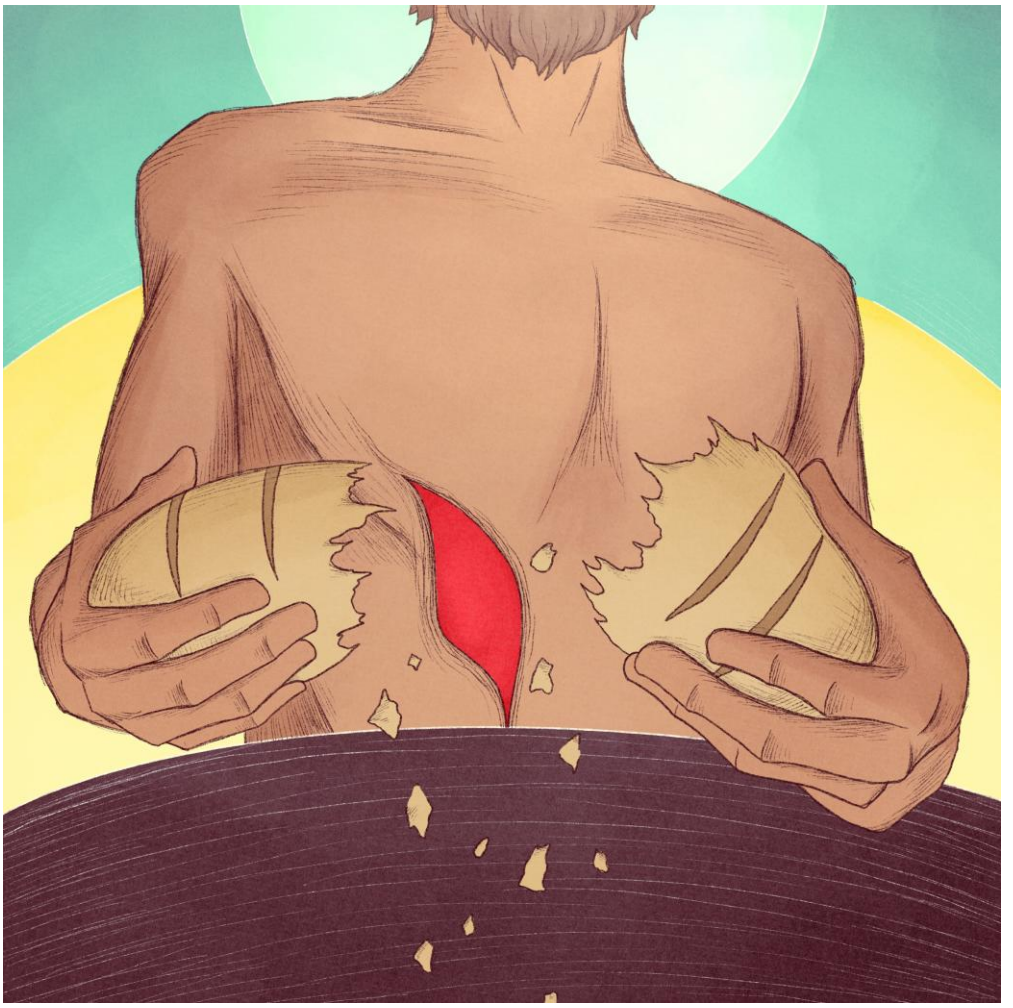

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A Christian family who cares for you!

Welcome to historic Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

In Christian Love: A Statement on the Lord's Supper

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church believes, teaches, and confesses that in the Sacrament of the Altar—also known as the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, and Communion—we receive the true body and true blood of Christ given to us under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our union with Him and with one another. The Lord Jesus Christ invites sinners to His table, sinners who repent of their sins and trust His promises. Christ Himself makes sinners worthy of receiving His good gifts in this Sacrament.

In Christian love, we are compelled to share that Scripture does warn us that it is possible to receive this Sacrament unworthily! So, what does this mean for us? It all comes down to our Lord's own Words when He instituted the Sacrament: "**Take, eat; this is My body**," and, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**" (Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:25). The Apostle Paul says that "**anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself**" (see 1 Corinthians 11:27–32). This is especially true when we ignore, redefine, or disbelieve the words of Jesus, which we, as one body, confess to be true.

Therefore, we ask, please, that those who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold to a confession different from that of this congregation and of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod first speak with the Pastor.

Even if you discern not to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to approach the altar rail and receive a blessing! Everyone who comes to our Church is a blessing to us, and we wish to bless you in return. Please simply cross your arms over your chest to receive the blessing from the Lord. Thank you, in Christian love.

The Preparation of our hearts and minds:

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God *"would rend the heavens and come down"* (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves *"have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment"* (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for *"a long time, and shall we be saved?"* (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are *"enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,"* and so He will *"sustain you to the end"* (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although *"heaven and earth will pass away,"* His words *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He *"send out the angels"* to gather us and all of His elect *"from the ends of the earth"* to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

The Preparation and Sharing the Peace

Please Stand

Hymn We're Together Again (*located on the front inside cover of: This Far By Faith hymnal*)

Sharing the Peace

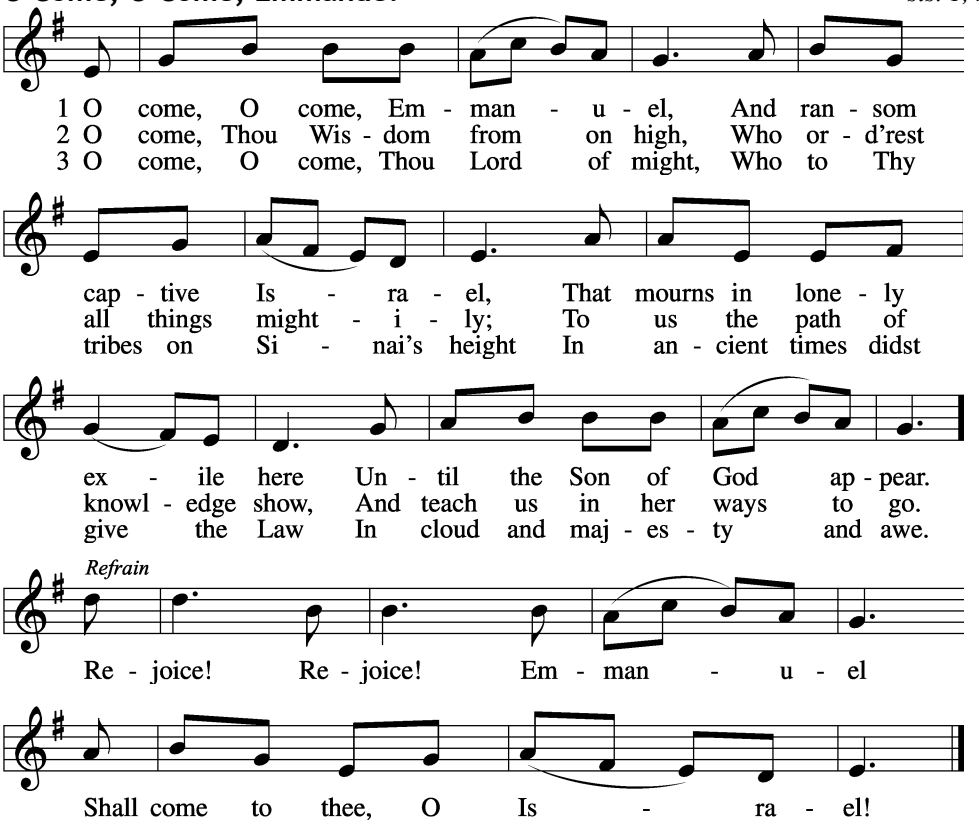
We joyfully greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph 4:1-3).

Be Seated

(Order of Worship is taken from Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting 3, pg 184)

Confession and Absolution

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts. 1, ref, 2–3*



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

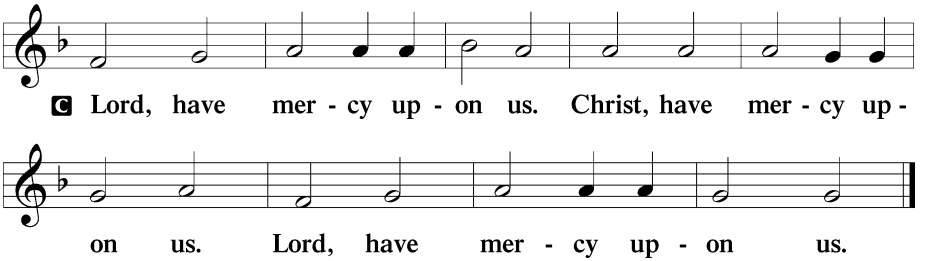
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

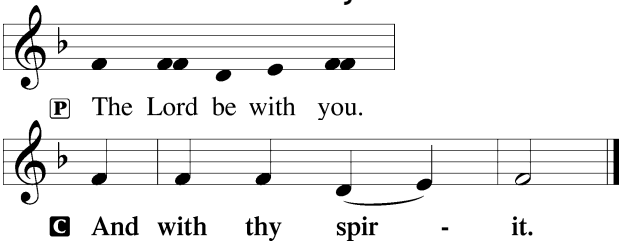
Service of the Word

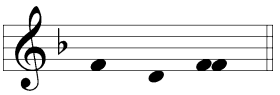
Kyrie

Mark 10:47

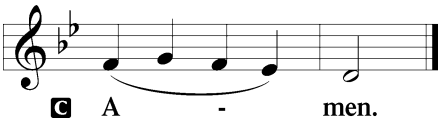


Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80:1–7

(Spoken responsively. L = Leader, C = Congregation, ALL = everyone)

L: [1]Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

C: [2]Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

ALL: [3]Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L: [4]O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

C: [5]You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

L: [6]You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

ALL: [7]Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle

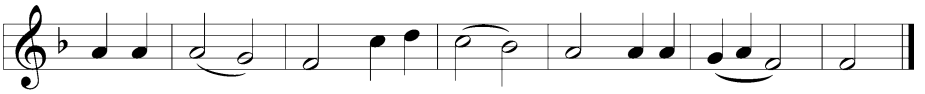
1 Corinthians 1:3–9

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

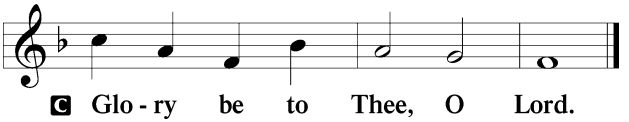
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

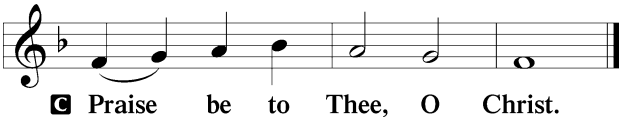
Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus
sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately
as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If
anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it
back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the
street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing,
untying the colt?" [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they
brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And
those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord! [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna
in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Be Seated. We invite the children of the congregation to come forward for the Children's message.

332 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

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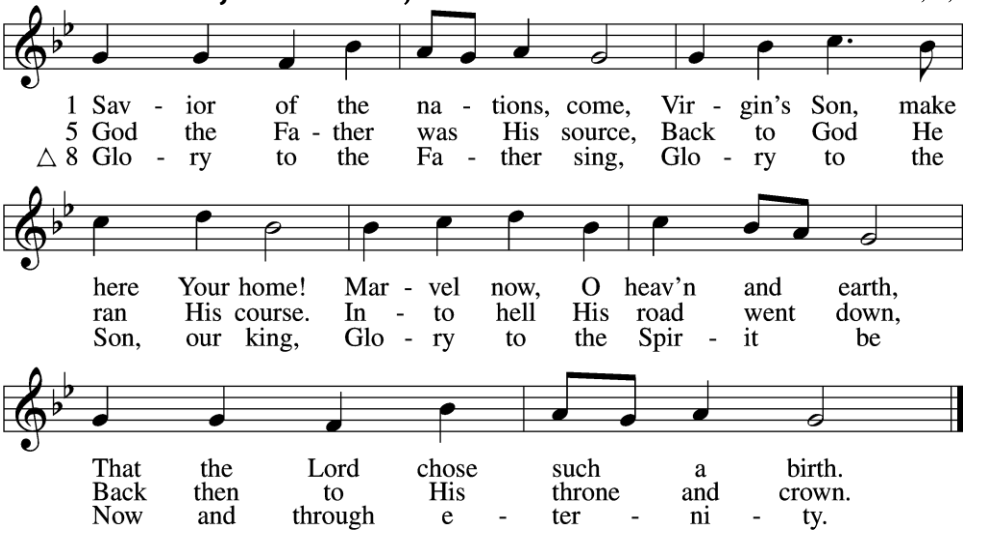

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Sermon Jesus Enters Jerusalem as the Promised King Rev. Kenneth Redmann

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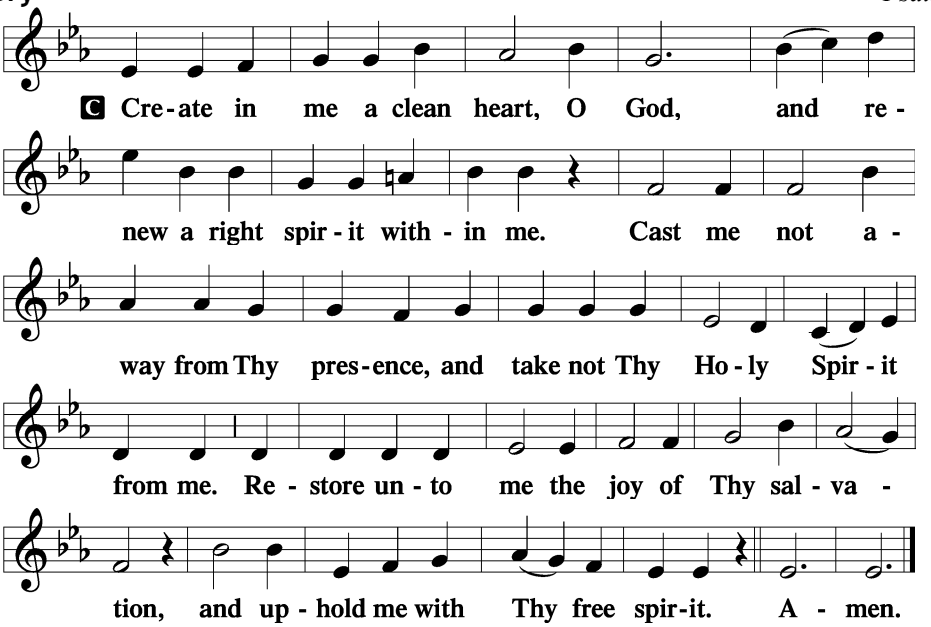
Offertory *Psalm 51:10–12*



Offering

When you come forward for Holy Communion OR to receive a blessing, please place your tithes and gifts in the Offering plate at the front of the left pew.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

L: O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering, Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ and the fulfillment of all things in Him. Give us grace to make a good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord God, bless our congregations. Enrich young and old with the testimony about Christ. Confirm them with every spiritual gift, and sustain them in this fellowship to the end, guiltless in the day of the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: O God, our Father, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone and strengthen the bonds of marriage. Equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying *[especially _____]*. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

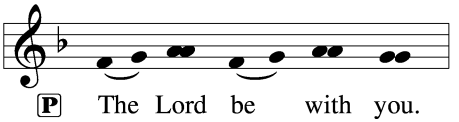
L: Eternal Lord, as Your Son once entered humbly into Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so send Him to us according to His promise in the Holy Sacrament, that we may eat His body and drink His blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

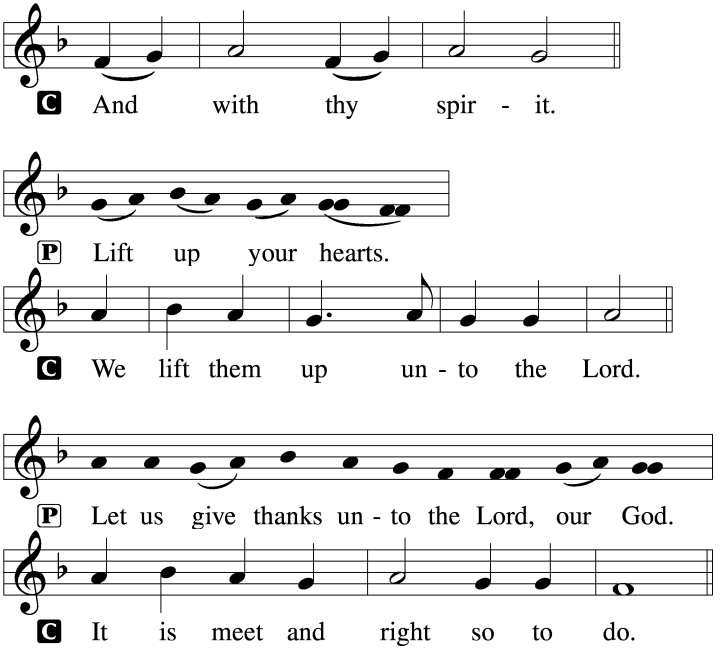
L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve rightly to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through His death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore You, enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by His humble appearance or despised Word, but believe in Him and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
ALL: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

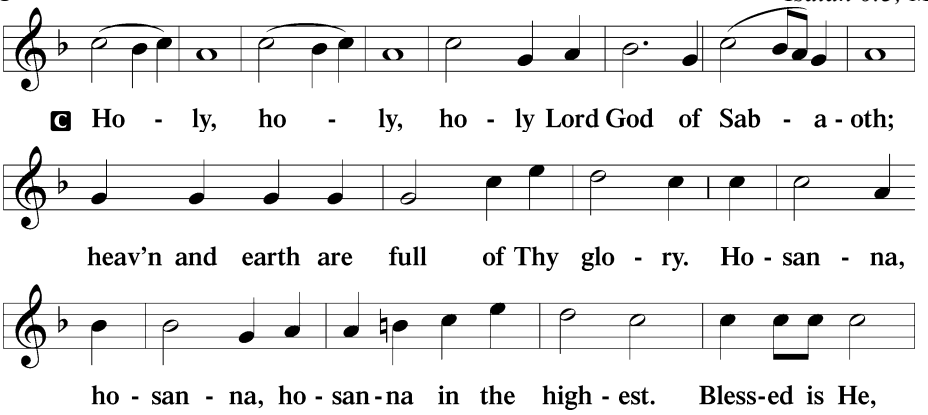
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

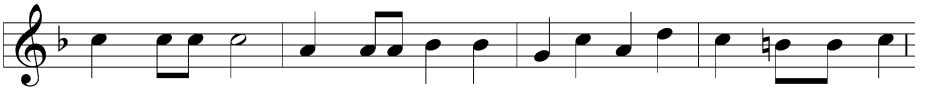


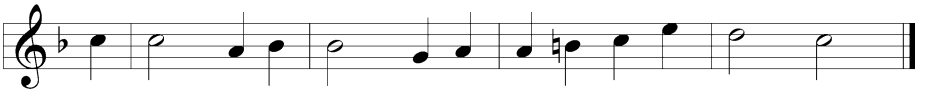


P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 singing:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*







Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

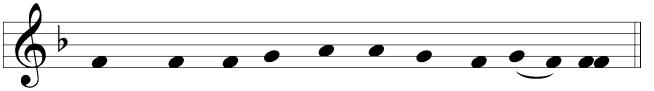
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

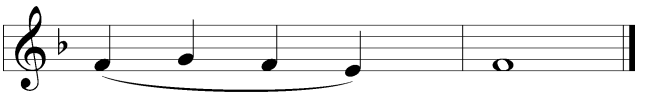
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

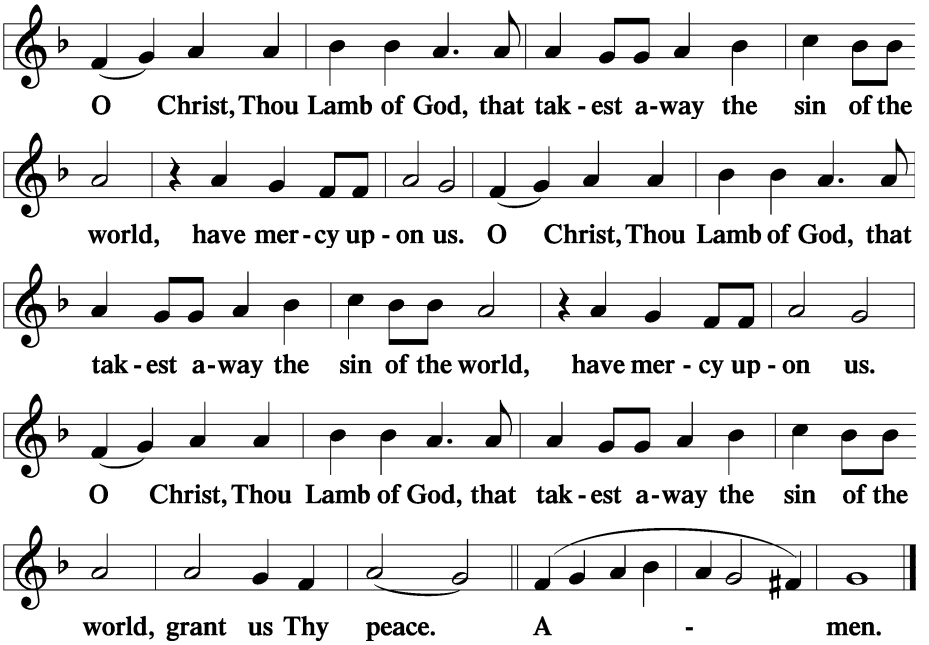
John 20:19



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

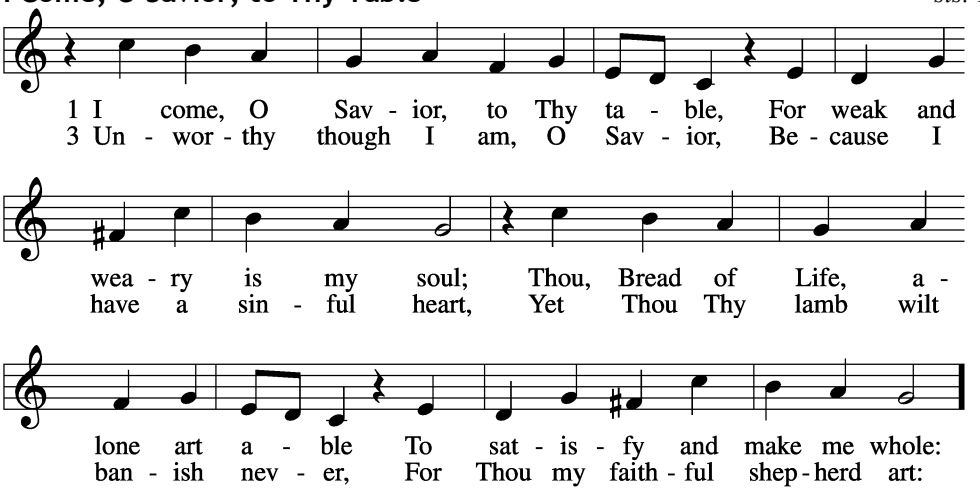


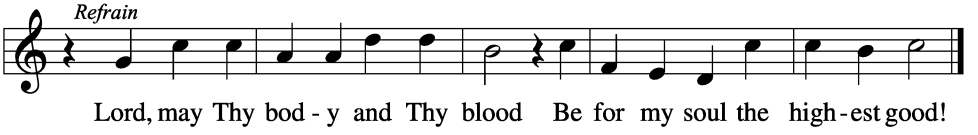
Agnus Dei *John 1:29*



Be Seated

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table *sts. 1, ref, 3*





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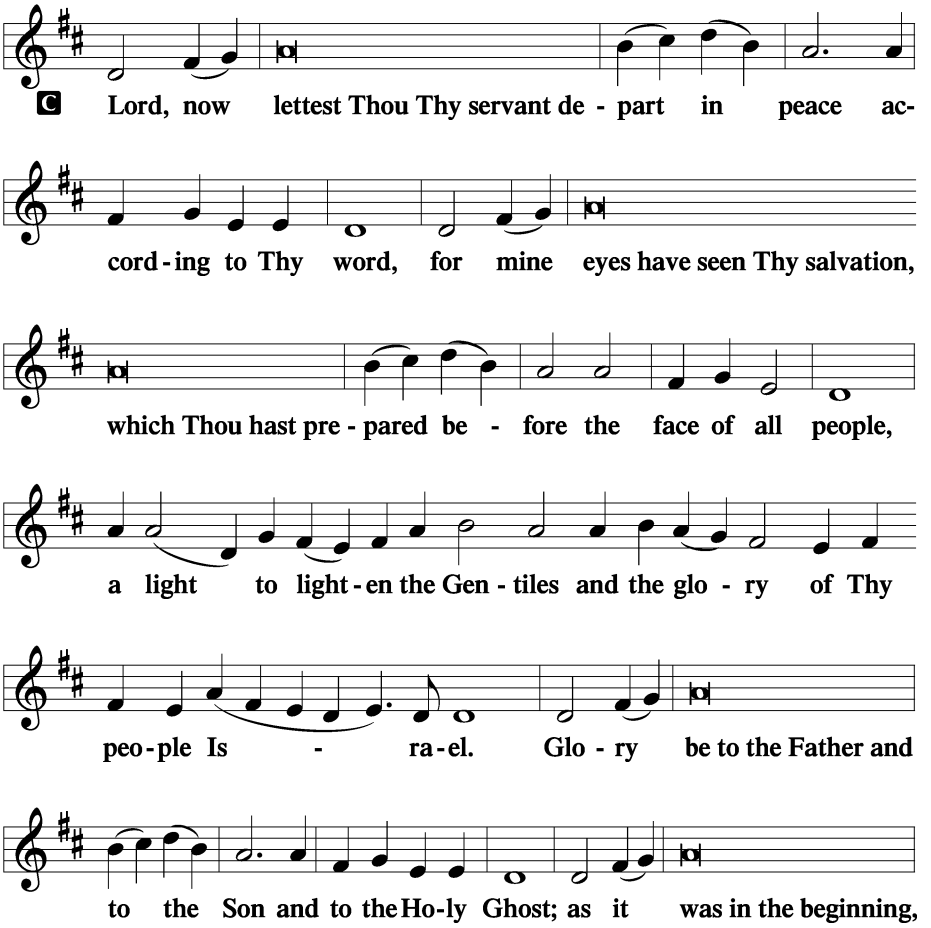
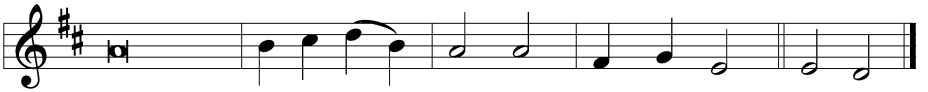
Nunc Dimittis

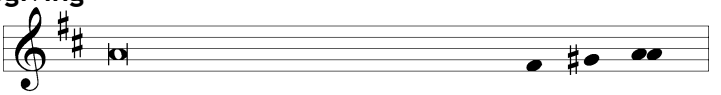
Luke 2:29–32

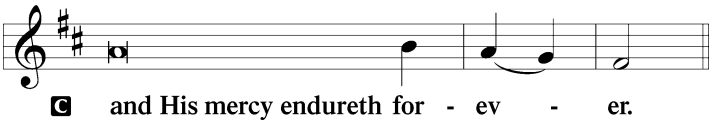




Thanksgiving

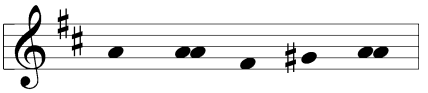
Psalm 107:1

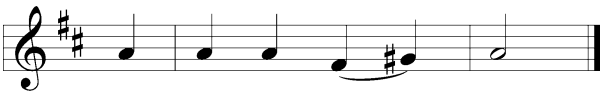




A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.





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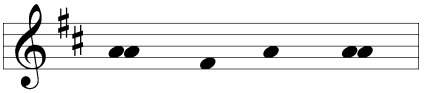

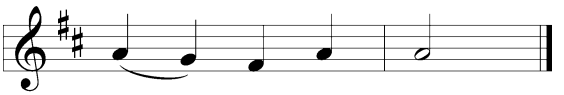

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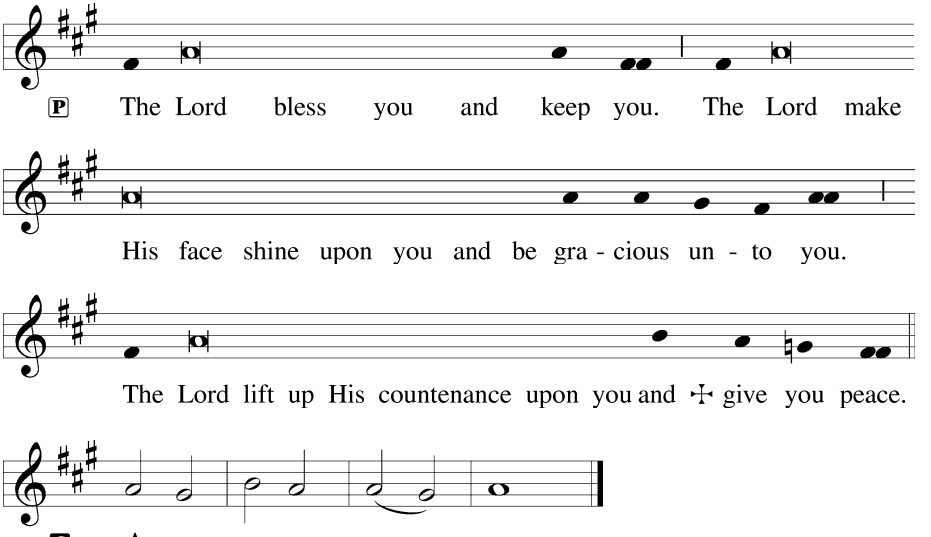

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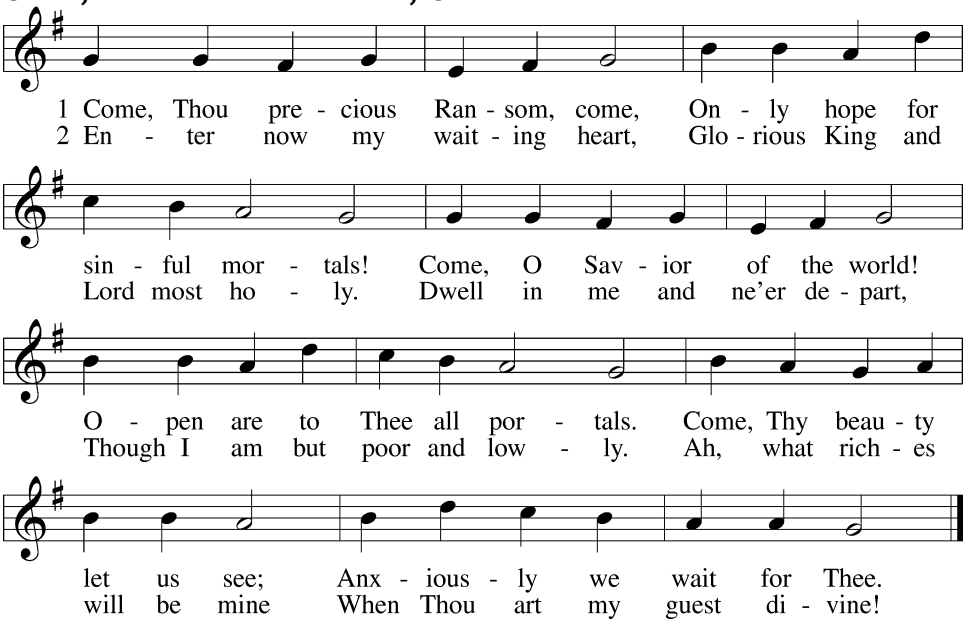

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The Promise of our Lord:

[20] Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, (or imagine) according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Eph 3:20-21 KJV).

Thank you!

We are so blessed to have you worship with us!

SERVANTS of THE LORD for TODAY:

Organist:	Linda Redmann	Tambourine:	Paula Lewis
Altar Guild:	Sheryl Herold	Greeter/Usher:	Don Campbell
Counter:	Sarah Brown	Asst. Counter:	Paula Lewis

Communion Asst./Liturgist: James Halfacer

Lutherans for Life

November 29 – Advent 1 – Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8).

CALENDAR of MINISTRY EVENTS:

Nov	Sun	29	8:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion
			9:15am Bible Study "Body Building" (see I Cor 12:12ff) and Devotional
	Mon	30	2:00-6:30pm Office hours***
			7:00pm Bible Study, "Matthew" verse by verse with James Halfacer
Dec	Wed	2	2:00-5:00pm Office hours***
			5:30pm Advent dinner and fellowship
			7:00pm Advent Vespers Service **Baptism & Adult Confirmation for Michele Stanton AND Adult Confirmation for Kevin Stromberg

***Please call or text Pastor to let you in the building

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS:

Dec	Sun	6	8:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion
			9:15am Bible Study "Body Building" (see I Cor 12:12ff) and Devotional
	Mon	7	2:00-6:30pm Office hours***
			7:00pm Bible Study, "Matthew" verse by verse with James Halfacer
	Wed	9	2:00-6:00pm Office hours***
			7:00pm Advent Vespers Service

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MORE UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS:

Dec	Fri	11	Day Trip: Alan and Pastor to visit with Pastor Lingsch and Headmaster Patrick Steckbeck at Grace Lutheran Church, Preschool and Academy, Naples, FL.
	Wed	16	7:00pm Advent Vespers Service
	Thur	24	10:00am Christmas Eve day
	Fri	25	Christmas Day NO SERVICE, Please enjoy a blessed day with your family!

A Brief History of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Founding & Early History:

In 1888, the Lutheran community which would become Zion began as one of six Mission stations served by a single Pastor. In 1889 the first Missionary Pastor to serve Central Florida was called. Under this Missionary Pastor, the first regular Worship Services began in Tampa, attended by 20 adults and 5 children. Services were conducted in the afternoon in a room of the local Methodist Church. Moving several times from rented church rooms to a vacant store, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was chartered on August 26th, 1893, with a constitution signed by her five male members. Zion celebrated their first infant baptism on October 28th, 1894.

Zion's First Home:

On November 18th, 1894, Zion celebrated the dedication of their first home on Marion & Tyler Avenues, a modest, unpainted building constructed from surplus materials. A Christian Day School opening a week later, with 2 pupils. By 1896, school enrollment had increased to 22. Now having a home of their own, Zion began offering evening Services in English, with the first English Confirmation in 1902. English Sunday Morning Services began in 1904, alternating with German every other Sunday.

Zion's Present Home:

In 1922, Zion began working toward a new, larger home, dedicating the present building on October 25th, 1925. In 1929, Zion suffered a severe blow when they were forced to re-acquire $18,000 in debt from the default by the buyer of their former location. It would be 1944, supported by contributions from WWII GI's, before that debt was paid.

During WWII, Zion conducted Services at the nearby German POW Camp, even bringing

POW's into Zion with special permission for Communion Service and Sunday meals.
Zion's present location was finally completed in 1944. The Ascension Window at the rear is a Memorial to all of Zion's former Pastors.

Zion's Legacy & Future:

Zion is the "Mother Church" of seven LCMS Congregations in the Greater Tampa Bay area and has always been filled with a spirit of service and evangelism, both within her four walls and to the outside community.

Zion is no stranger to struggle and real adversity. The people of Zion have, with God's help, engaged and overcome real trial in every generation. Zion has proclaimed the Word truly and administered the Sacraments rightly – to every soul within her reach.

During wartime, Depression, civil unrest, countless hurricanes and a pandemic, Zion has always had a passion for true Doctrine, about our common salvation, and contended for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

We, the Faithful Remnant of Zion, are blessed to be the legacy of those faithful souls who persevered and prospered through every trial and hardship and who have now entered their deserved and joyful rest in the loving arms of their Savior. It is our privilege to carry on in their name the Great Commission, to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that the Lord has commanded. For He is with us always, to the end of the age.

