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Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor.

Service Notes . . .

Preparation for Worship: The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we will be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit. All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at Zion...you are our guest! Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, place it the offering basket at the sanctuary entrance and know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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First Sunday in Advent

Divine Service Setting Three page 184.

(Complete your preparation for the Lord's Supper using pp. 329f. in L.S.B.)

Time of Learning

Not Ashamed

Chorus

I'm not ashamed, not ashamed to give Him the glory. I'm not ashamed, not ashamed to walk in His ways. I'm not ashamed, not ashamed, to sing out His story; at Calvary He was not ashamed of me.

Vs. 1 When I stand in the presence of the spotless Lamb and look in the face of the great I AM, oh, the joy as He says to the Father of love: "This is my child, he's been washed in my blood."

Chorus

Vs. 2 The world may not welcome the good news He brought. The ransom He paid, how He lived what He taught. But maybe some day they'll see something in me to cause them to wonder and even believe.

Chorus

(Repeat Chorus).

At Calvary He was not ashamed of me. At Calvary He was not ashamed of me.

Welcome *We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.*

(rise)

Invocation

P: Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us, and better and worse, you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue from this lofty perch we fall.

C: Amen

Call to Worship

Song: "Come to the Water"

Come, to the water refresh your soul.
Jesus is able to make your life whole.
Come, drink your fill of him; water that lives,
Into your weariness new strength he gives.
Come, today, refresh your soul.
He is here to make your life whole.
Come, and have water that lives,
Deep within, new strength he gives.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God, we confess that we often lose sight of the hope we have in you. Our failures and our self-doubts preoccupy our thoughts and paralyze us from your work. We feel at times intimidated and useless in making a difference in the world. We pray for your forgiveness and we ask for your help so that we might be steadfast and faithful to you. Help us focus on what you have given us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C: AMEN**

(sit)

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His drying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16(ESV) *(Today's message will be based on this reading)*

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13(ESV)

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Rise for the Alleluia

Song: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried; now He lives forevermore
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40(ESV)

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Children's Message: **The Advent wreath (Barb Jelinski)**

Song: Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Repeat

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Sermon "Oh, You Mean That Little Sin?" (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

We confess our faith

We Believe

(The Apostle's Creed)

We believe in God the Father, Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior come to us by virgin birth;
We believe He died to save us bore our sins, was crucified.
The, from death, He rose victorious. Ascended to the Father's side.

We believe He sends His Spirit on His church with gifts of pow'r.
God, His Word of truth affirming, sends us to the nations now;
He will come again in flory, judge the living and the dead.
Ev'ry knee shall bow before Him, then must ev'ry tongue confess.

Jesus, Lord of all.

Song: Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.
Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.
Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Song for Prayers: When You Pray"

At the close of the day when you kneel to pray, will you remember me?
I need help every day, this is why I pray, will you remember me?

When you pray, will you pray for me, for I need His love and His care.
When you pray, will you pray for me, will you whisper my name in your
prayer.

When I pray, I will pray for you, for you need His love and His care.
When I pray, I will pray for you, I will whisper your name in my
prayer.

Rise for Prayers

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, Lord on Heav'n's high throne,
Most holy be Your name. Your kingdom come,
Your will be done in Heav'n on earth the same.
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.
All kingdom, might, and majesty be Yours while ages run
And even to eternity, Amen. So be it done!

Benediction

Sunday School teachers & Children excused
(sit)

Closing Song: Not Ashamed

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Announcements:

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion."

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Hendrickson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

MON	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
TUE	6:00pm	Adult Class
WED	9:00am	Quilters
	6:30pm	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30pm	Board of Ed
SAT	6:30pm	Worship - Communion
SUN	9:00am	Worship - Communion

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ADVENT

Beginning this week, there will be a Christmas Hymn Sing 10 minutes prior to the worship services, continuing throughout the month of December. We all have favorite Christmas hymns, so come early and choose one you would like to sing! Also, during Advent, the Sunday children's messages will have a Christmas topic, so all children are especially invited to attend!! Barb Jelinski will be giving this week's message about the **Advent Wreath**.

Let's make this Advent season extra special!!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

The concern for the faithful steward is, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER

The Women's Monday Morning Weekly Bible study will meet on Monday, November 29 (Lesson #7) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the book of Isaiah, so join us as we learn together.

NEEDED – VOLUNTEER TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE OUR WEBSITE

We need a computer savvy individual to maintain, update and post events on Zion's website. This can all be done from home as it fits into your schedule. Please contact Peter Keyes if you have specific questions or the church office to volunteer for this important outreach mission.



QUILTS

The Quilts in the Fellowship Hall are for sale.

If you would like to purchase a quilt, please make a check out to Zion Lutheran Church and note **"for ZLW"** in the memo area.

ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:

11/21 Gary & Gloria Irwin

11/28 Ben Messinger



The Evangelism Committee created a "Comfort Basket" to be auctioned off at the 10th Annual Fishing Museum Hall of Fame. The contents of the basket are valued at \$120. The auction is a silent auction and bids will end at 6pm on Sunday December 5th. Visit the Christmas Tree Lane from noon to 7pm daily to view the items being auctioned.

Morrison County Holiday Gift Giving Program

We invite you to participate with us in this effort to bless families in Morrison County. Take a tag from the tree in the Narthex and purchase the gifts requested. Return the gifts (unwrapped) to the base of the tree, **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE TAG IN THE BAG**, so the gift can tracked and given to the right child. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 15.** Before, during, and after purchasing your gift; take a moment to pray for your recipient and let God do the rest.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Thank you for your participation in the Samaritans purse gift box program. We Filled and delivered 18 shoeboxes.



ANSWERED PRAYER

Paul Gulsvig called me this morning and provided this update regarding his sister, Marsha: Marsha passed away last night. Her funeral will be sometime next week. Her doctor said that she kept going downhill after breaking her back and her chemo treatments were halted. Thank you for praying for Marsha and for me.

Pastor's Prayer:

Lord God, we would all typically like to have our prayers answered in regard to "what we think is best" rather than "what You know is best." I thank You for Your best that You have provided for Marsha. Comfort Paul with this loss of his sister and assure him that You continue to be at his side. As Paul grieves this loss, give him the courage and strength to face the days ahead. You are a great and wonderful God. Thanks for always listening to prayers of Your children,. In Jesus' wonderful name, I pray. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST THIS WEEK

Information received from Sharon Schuette on Monday morning:

My doctor told me that I have lung cancer. I thought it was just a nagging cold that wasn't getting better. Chemotherapy is on my agenda now. Not sure exactly when that will begin, but I imagine fairly soon. Pray for my recovery.

Pastor's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, once again cancer has raised its nasty head with one of our members. Thank You that Sharon's doctor did discover this cancer in her lungs. I pray that whatever treatments are chosen that they would be effective in reducing and eradicating this cancer from Sharon's body. Help her through this time treatment and bring her back to full health according to Your good and gracious will. Sharon, be healed in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST THIS WEEK

Information received from Deb Cermak late Tuesday morning:

My husband, George, has been admitted to St. Gabriel's with a G.I. Bleed. He received two units of blood yesterday. The medical staff plan to do a scope on him to determine where the bleed originates. The doctor told me, "We need to patch up a hole wherever it's leaking."

Pastor's Prayer:

Father, it's fairly common for us to cry out when we're not feeling well, "Save me. Save me. I want to be well." For most of us, we want to go on living in the here-and-now and continue to enjoy our time here. Thankfully, You are the only One who knows for certain when it's time for us to leave the familiar behind and move on to what's next. George continues to seek divine intervention in his life and health situation. Comfort George and assure him that You are aware of his concern. Provide George with healing and recovery according to what You have determined is best for him and his loved ones. George, be healed--in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST THIS WEEK

Marilyn Boeddeker sent an e-mail before noon on Wednesday with the following information:

Please pray for my son, Adam, who has Covid. He had been very ill since last Wednesday but is some better today. We pray that this continues.

Pastor's Prayer

Lord God, just as the ten lepers called out to Jesus for healing as He was passing by, so I also call out to You on Adam's behalf for his healing. Covid has taken so many lives, brought sickness to countless families, and made our lives much less comfortable. The 10 lepers believed that Jesus not only could, but was willing, to heal them. The one returning leper was told that his faith had made him well. Use Adam's faith to heal his covid infection according to Your great mercy. In the healing and saving name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

PRAYER CHAIN" contact the church office @ 632-5792, Pastor @ 320-360-9617, or Lydia Posch @ (320) 632-2320 for any prayer concerns or questions.



SATURDAY/SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13 & 14 (10/39)49

OPERATING FUND		OTHER FUNDS	
Current	\$1,732.00	Building Fund	\$82.00
Loose	\$17.00	Youth	\$50.00
Missions	\$37.00	Altar Flowers	\$30.00
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES	\$3,081.00	NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN	\$863.58
TOTAL OPERATING FUND OFFERINGS	\$1,786.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS	\$162.00

Altar flowers for Roger Walter

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OPERATING FUND		OTHER FUNDS	
Current	\$2,777.00	Building Fund	\$352.00
Loose	\$26.00	Youth	\$100.00
Missions	\$37.00	Door Offering	\$243.00
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES	\$3,081.00	NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN	\$863.58
TOTAL OPERATING FUND OFFERINGS	\$2,840.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS	\$695.00

Building fund amount includes a Memorial for Herman Johannes in the amount of \$145.00

Door offering was for the Gideons

WORSHIP SERVANTS

NOVEMBER		ELDER	USHERS	READER	ORGANIST	Acolyte
27	Com	Jerry Knafla	Spencer Roe	Ellen Grissom	Peggy Dolney	
28	Com	Mike Gohl	Ben Messinger	Amanda Dawson	Peggy Dolney	Dain Pauly
December 4	Com	Greg Rausch	Marie Holey	Barb Jelinski	Carol Prozinski	
5	Com	Sheldon Prozinski	Eugene Doucette Dennis Hollermann	Jennifer Hanson	Carol Prozinski	Emma Bohnsack

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