



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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November 14 & 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS

Live free from the fear of judgment.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

Zion has been serving the spiritual needs of people since 1885. We declare God's Good News of the perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of all. Our pastors and congregation are willing to serve you in any way. Please help yourself to any information found in the narthex. Visitors are invited to sign our guest register. May God bless your worship!



COMMUNION TODAY



The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time, for the right purpose, by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason we ask all communicants to properly prepare themselves through self-examination. (You may use the *Personal Preparation For Holy Communion* found on page 156 of your hymnal.) Based on the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 10:17 we also practice Close Communion, that is, Holy Communion is for those who share a common confession and fellowship. Members of the WELS and ELS are welcome to join us in the Lord's Supper. We ask that all visitors wishing to commune speak with the pastor before approaching the Lord's Table.

BEFORE WORSHIP

Prayer: Lord Jesus, my Judge and King, Your first coming as my Savior encourages me to endure through the tumult of fearsome days and assures me that I am secure in Your love. Help me to endure faithfully and give me confidence that, even in the midst of chaos, You will use my life to continue Your ministry in the world. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Personal Prayers and Meditation Pages 10 & 134, *CW*

Opening Hymn “God, We Praise You” 277, *CW*

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution p. 26, *CW*

Lord, Have Mercy p. 27, *CW*

O Lord, Our Lord p. 28, *CW*

Prayer of the Day

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Scripture Lesson Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.

¹⁴“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

Psalm 16 Page 68, *CW*

Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 9:24-28

We can live free of the fear of God’s judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence.

²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

²⁶Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the

world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Verse of the Day: Revelation 2:10

Alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson

John 5:25-29

God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.

²⁵“I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”

Hymn of the Day “Jerusalem the Golden” 728, *CWS*

Sermon

Hebrews 9:24-28

SEE THE END OF YOUR SIN!

Nicene Creed p. 31, *CW*

Our Thank Offering to Our God

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer (Traditional Version) p. 32, *CW*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Preface p. 33, *CW*

Proper Preface for the Sundays of End Time p. 34, *CW*

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) p. 34, *CW*

Words of Institution p. 35, *CW*

O Christ, Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*) p. 35, *CW*

Distribution Hymn “If God Himself Be for Me” 419, *CW*

Distribution Hymn “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” 207, *CW*
Thank the Lord p. 36, *CW*
Benediction p. 36, *CW*
Closing Hymn “Like the Golden Sun Ascending” 147, *CW*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Richard Russow, H: 715-678-2204; C: 715-965-1782;
 O: 715-678-2208; RussowRnK@aol.com
Chairman: Jeff Lange, 715-748-4815
Organists: Kelly Hartl; Barb Reiter
Ushers & Greeters: Volunteers needed.
Altar Care: Esther Kraus; Jean Pitzke

STEWARDSHIP RECORD



November 7 & 10, 2024

11 + 51 = 62 Attended Pentecost 25 Worship
 11 Streamed views
 10 Attended End Time Bible Study
 Offerings: General Fund - \$3,048.00
 Mission - \$55.00
 Meditations - \$6.00
 Capital Improvement - \$65.00
 Fellowship Freewill - \$45.00
 Total - \$3,219.00

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES: Mark 10:32-45

How easily we forget that there is no place in the kingdom for lordship over those around us! Again and again, Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve, imitating his loving service. May this portion of God’s Word serve as a reminder for us to humbly acknowledge the gifts he’s given us and to use them in the service of others.

ZION’S PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday (11/14) 7:00 P.M. Pentecost 26 with Holy Communion
 Saturday (11/16) 9:00 A.M. Visitation for Ethel Green
 11:00 A.M. Christian Funeral for Ethel Green

Sunday (11/17) 9:30 A.M. Pentecost 26 with Holy Communion
 10:30 A.M. Fellowship
 10:30 A.M. **Contact Committee**
 10:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. End Times Bible Study
 Tuesday (11/19) 3:45 P.M. Confirmation Class
 Wednesday (11/20) 4:15 P.M. Confirmation Class
 Thursday (11/21) 7:00 P.M. Christ the King Worship
 Sunday (11/24) 9:30 A.M. Christ the King Worship
 10:30 A.M. Fellowship
 10:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. End Times Bible Study

Through My Bible In 3 Years

Below is part of a 3 year Bible Reading schedule. The more we grow in God’s Word, the more we will be anchored on the solid foundation of Christ crucified and arisen. The more we grow in God’s Word, the more we will be prepared to give the reason for the hope that we have. (1 Peter 3:15)

11/14 2 Kings 11, 12	11/15 2 Kings 13, 14	11/16 2 Kings 15, 16
11/17 2 Kings 17	11/18 2 Kings 18:1-19:7	11/19 2 Kings 19:8-37
11/20 2 Kings 20, 21	11/21 2 Kings 22, 23	11/22 2 Kings 24, 25
11/23 John 13:1-20	11/24 John 13:21-32	11/25 John 13:33-14:14

Announcements

- ✦ **With the Lord:** On Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the soul of Ethel “Pete” Green was called out of this world to her eternal home. She was aged 84 years, 8 months and 19 days. The Service of Christian Funeral was held Saturday, November 16, 2024, with internment at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Remember in your prayers those who mourn her passing. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. They will rest from their labor.”* (Rev 14:13)
- ✦ The **Coats for Kids** collection box will be taken down on Monday, November 18 by 10 A.M.. If you have a donation of new and gently used winter coats, boots, hats and gloves, please bring them before that time.
- ✦ The **Contact Committee** will meet following our Sunday worship.
- ✦ Look around yourself today. Is there a family member who could/should

be sitting next to you? Is there a friend absent from the place where he or she would usually sit? Is there a neighbor who needs God's Word? Pick up the phone, go over to their house, and invite them to worship.

- ✘ There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the church entry for **Christmas poinsettias**. Cost: \$15.00 for each plant; Deadline: December 8, 2024.
- ✘ The Ladies of Zion (LOZ) thank you for your continued support of their Kwik Trip Scrip fund raising program. Kwik Trip gift cards for the purchase of fuel or in store purchases in various denominations. Scrip cards may be purchased from one of the Ladies of Zion.
- ✘ The Ladies of Zion are sponsoring a **Food Drive**. Please place your donations of non-perishable foods in the bins in the church entryway.
- ✘ The November issue of *Forward In Christ*, entitled "*Worship Wear,*" is available for you to take home.
- ✘ The next issue of *Meditations* is available on the counter in the entryway. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 for each regular print and \$5.00 for each Large Print. Devotions begin December 1st.
- ✘ A special **Congregational Meeting** to approve the 2025 Budget is scheduled to follow our Sunday worship, December 8, 2024.
- ✘ An **Advent By Candlelight** Service is being planned for Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
- ✘ The latest issue of *MLC In Focus* is available on the entryway counter.
- ✘ The Fall 2024 issue of the *LSI Journal*, the magazine of the Lutheran Science Institute, entitled What Reasons Do Atheists Give For Their Belief? is available on the counter in the church entry. Past issues are also available. Take a copy. Read it. Return it. Repeat. Pdf copies of this and past issues are free at: www.LutheranScience.org/journal
- ✘ **Large Print** editions of the order of worship are available.
- ✘ **Newsletter:** Are you receiving your monthly newsletter in your preferred way? Please register your preference on the sheet on the church counter.
- ✘ **Private Communion:** If physical problems or other concerns prevent you from attending the Lord's Table, please schedule a visit with the Pastor.
- ✘ **Hospital:** Please notify Pastor Russow of your hospital stay. By notifying Pastor Russow, he can visit you and include you in his private prayers, and in the Prayer of the Church in worship, if you so desire.



Zion Lutheran Church invites you to an
Advent by Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 15, 2024; 7:00 P.M.

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Jerusalem the Golden

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.