November 22, 2026 – Christ the King



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for livestreaming the worship service.

The altar flowers are given by Rick & Carolyn Schroeder in memory of Jack & Audrey Rheiner and Hallie Mason Kolb. The prelude is "King of Kings" by Hillsong Worship.

8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister — Jeff Livingston	Assisting Minister — John Rustwick
Acolyte — Makayla Varela	Acolyte — Margaret Wollmer
Greeters — Donna Talis & Anita Zarate	Greeters — Arlene Martin & Joanne Rupp
Ushers — Tom Groendyke & Tom Held	Ushers — John Minerowicz & David Wintemute
Altar Guild — Anita Zarate	Altar Guild — Sue Swanson

Opening Hymn	*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*	ELW 855
Hymn of the Day	*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*	ELW 759
Closing Hymn	*"The Church's One Foundation"*	ELW 654

All are invited to attend the **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**, being held at Stanton Reformed Church this Tuesday, November 24th at 7 p.m.



Join Pastor Kat for the **Advent Midweek Gathering** at 6:30 p.m. on each Tuesday in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22). We will meet at the CEB for one hour. Our aim is to find peace and grounding in scripture during an often hectic and busy season. This year, our theme will be Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55) often known as "The Magnificat." Beside Mary, we will seek to find hope and comfort in God's presence and promises.



On Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m., come help the Worship & Music committee with the **Greening of the Church** as we prepare for Christmas-time worship services. Treats will be provided!



Join friends from Zion at the CEB at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th for **Advent Parish Night**. We will enjoy crafts, caroling, fellowship, and refreshments as we celebrate the season together. Please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office to let us know how many from your family will attend.



The Women of Zion invite you to their annual **Cookie Exchange** on December 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the CEB, as we enjoy a time of fellowship and cookies! After we sample the wares, we will prepare Christmas cookie boxes to share with Zion shut-ins and our friends. Please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office, and plan to bring three dozen cookies for the festivities.



November 15th Attendance

8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
27	49

Financial Summary YTD

INCOME
$331,633

EXPENSES
-$327,253

DIFFERENCE
$4,380

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Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Zion via Venmo.



December 20th at 10 a.m.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks
when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they
have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water-
courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but
the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because
you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far
and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have
spoken.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 95:1-7a *(read responsively)*

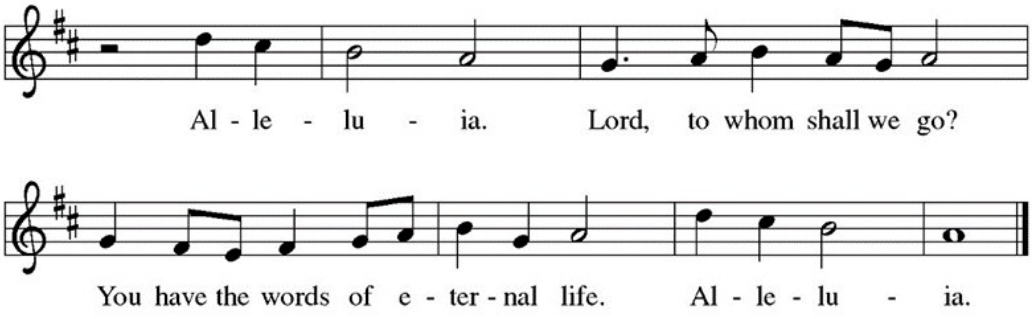
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
7a For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to
give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great
power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over
all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34
Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-
pared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and
you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you
a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and
visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell
you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



Stewardship Update: Three additional pledges were received this week. We now have 46 pledges totaling $295,138. As a reference, last year at this point we had 44 pledges totaling $298,840. In this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to hear from every family about how you plan to financially support Zion's ministries in 2027. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church. Please consider prayerfully and let us know what your Inspired Investment will be next year. Thank you.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
November	**11/1**	**11/8**	**11/15**	**11/22**	**11/29**
Sunday School Theme: Gratitude	All School Event: All Saints	Veteran Recognition Service Project	Bible Lesson: Parable of the Talents	Bible Lesson: Sheep and Goats	College Care Packages Service Project
Special Events					
December	**12/06**	**12/13**	**12/20**	**12/27**	
Sunday School Theme: God's Family	Bible Lesson: John the Baptist Prepares the Way	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (at the church)	**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** (10am Single Service)	**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Winter Break)	
Special Events			Christmas Pageant in worship service!		