November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Arlene Martin to the glory of God. The prelude is "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham.

8:30 a.m.
Assisting Minister — Jeff Livingston
Acolyte —
Greeters — Bonnie & Frank Stanski
Ushers — Todd & Michele Stevens
Altar Guild — Bonnie Stanski

11:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister — David Blackwood
Acolyte — Grant McDonald
Greeters — Bob & Arlene Fritsche
Ushers — John McAleer & Mike Mikitiuk
Altar Guild — Erin Brogan

Opening Hymn	*"My Lord, What a Morning"*	ELW 435
Hymn of the Day	*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*	ELW 244
Closing Hymn	*"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"*	ELW 437

November 1st Attendance

8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
32	39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Please join us on this **Military Recognition Sunday** in thanking Zion's veterans for their service. We are also recognizing those friends and family who are currently serving. Pastor Kat will bless the care packages being mailed to those who are active duty.

Financial Summary YTD

INCOME
$331,633

EXPENSES
-$327,253

DIFFERENCE
$4,380

GOD IS Calling US

Youth and adults are invited to join Pastor Kat in **"Listening for God's Call,"** an exploration of how God is calling you to live out your faith. Weekly sessions began on November 1st and are being held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at the CEB through November 22nd.

give thanks

The Women of Zion's annual **Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration** will be held this Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the CEB. All women are welcome, including family members and friends. Please use the sign-up link emailed from the Parish Office to RSVP and indicate if you can bring a dish.

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

Thanksgiving Service

All are invited to attend this year's **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**, being held at Stanton Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

INVESTING IN OUR future

Stewardship commitment season began on October 18th. Through three weeks we have received 43 pledges totaling $284,580. Twenty-seven of the pledges were new or for an increased amount (63%). Thank you for your generosity! For comparison, last year we had 40 pledges for $263,000 through three Sundays. We would like to hear from every family on how you can financially support our ministries for 2027. Please let us know what your Inspired Investment will be in Zion's ministries. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Advent Parish Night

December 6th

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of
Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of
Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served
other gods. 3a Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many.

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ances-
tors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this
day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the
Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did
those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom
we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also
will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not
forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you
harm and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" 22
Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him."
And they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your
hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will
obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 78:1-7 *(read responsively)*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—**
3 that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.**
5 The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
6 **that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
7 so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve
as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will
bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet
the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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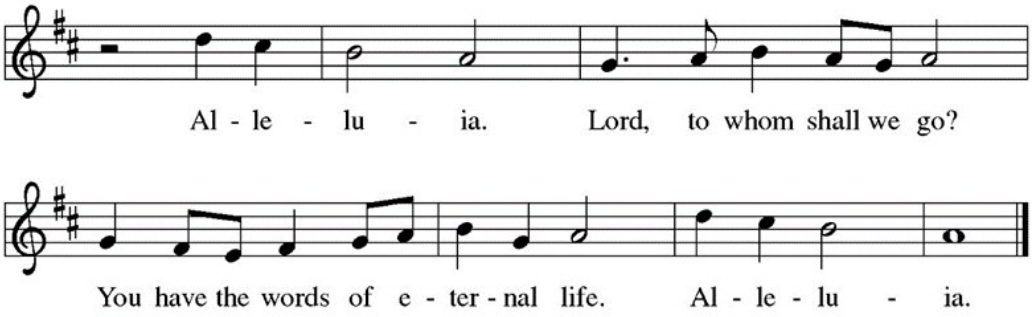
Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

"Prayer of St. Francis" Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; where there is doubt, let there be faith.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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!		