Divine Service



The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



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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,
- 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,
- 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

Introit

Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

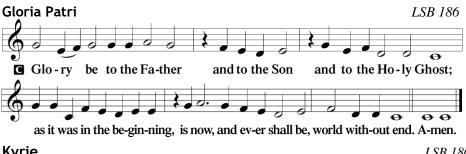
I stretch out my | hands to you;*

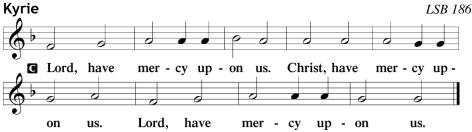
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

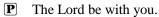




Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,

and those who fill their master's house

with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,

a wail from the Second Quarter,

a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;

all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men

who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them."

14The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities

and against the lofty battlements.

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

Gradual Revelation 7:14b: Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb. Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

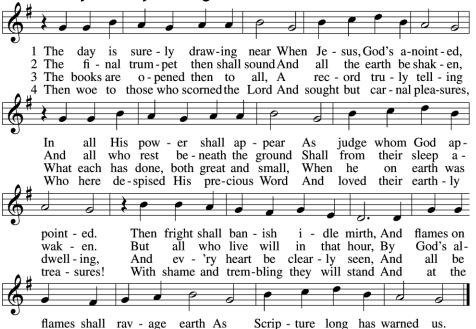
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe

And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.

I will not doubt, for I am free.

And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.

Then we shall see Him face to face,

Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;

We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.

O hear and grant our fervent plea:

Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,".

Sit

The Offering

The altar is set for the Lord's Supper as the offering is gathered. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Zion Adult Choir "Shout Out for Joy" (Psalm 66) Words and Music by Paul Keew

CHORUS:

Shout, shout out for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing, sing out the glory of His name!
Say, say unto God, "How awesome Your deeds!"
Give, give to the Lord His glorious praise!

VERSE 1:

O come, come and see how the name of the Lord is revered.

All the earth is alive with a worshipful song!

O come to the cross, and be free of rebellion and pride.

O come and rejoice evermore in all God has done!

CHORUS

VERSE 2:

So great is His pow'r that His enemies crumble and fall.

Forever He reigns and He rules by His might!

His eyes are ablaze, keeping watch on the nations of men.

All the kings of the earth do His bidding and all His delight!

CHORUS

VERSE 3:

I will bless You, O God, when You lovingly test and refine.
Though I walk thru fire, I will offer You praise!
You will shepherd my soul to a place of abundance and rest.
I will come to Your house, and an offiring of thankfulness raise!

CHORUS

VERSE 4:

O come, come and hear, all who fear God and call on His name, how I cried to the Lord, and He answered my prayer!

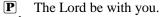
Had I cherished my sin, all my words would be empty and vain.

Bless the Lord, for His mercy and faithfulness crown all our days!

CHORUS

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





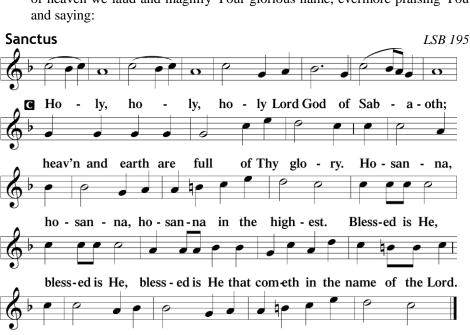
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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

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

LSB 197

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 LSB 197



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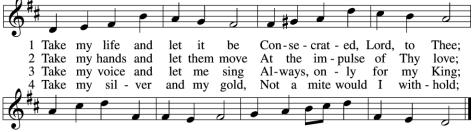
536 One Thing's Needful







783 Take My Life and Let It Be



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,It shall be no longer mine;Take my heart, it is Thine own,It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.



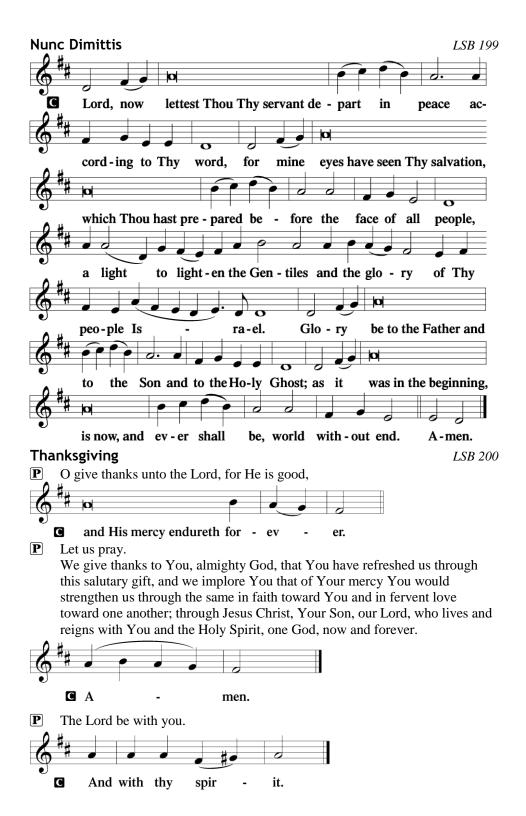
The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.

Please stand



Benedicamus LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



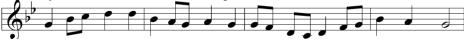
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.

By Thine all - suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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Prayers for Our Members		
Norm Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Hospice	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Bob Glanzer	Healing	
Wanda Glanzer	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (St. Luke's)	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Frie	ends
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman (Jared's wife)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Chris' wife)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias Wollberg's wife)	Expecting
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Military
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Don Axeman (Bartels' friend)	Healing
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing
Gloria Egge (Judy Tadlock's sister)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Judy Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Randy Fritson (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Zona Fritz (Judy Tadlock's sister)	Hospitalized
Lorin Hartmann (Marla's father)	Healing
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Diane Brandt (Junge's and Helmbrecht's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 11/12/2023 Offering: \$7,411.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Marian Allwardt, in honor of her sister Marie's 90th birthday.

Sunday, November 19th - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig
Acolyte: Eli Randolph
Lingineer: Eric Rosenthal
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Announcer: Carol Kreutzer | Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

Wednesday, November 22nd - 9:00a

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Emma Rosenthal Engineer: Jamie Nikodym

Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

Sunday, November 26th - 9:00a

Elder: Ken Hockemeier Usher: Mike Wilkens Acolyte: Abigail Burger Engineer: Zach DeLoach

Announcer: Brooke Fisher Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

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This Week at Zion

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Sun 11/19	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
Mon 11/20	12:00p	Sr. Citizens Potluck
	Birthdays	Catherine Baker
		Rachael Burger
Tues 11/21	10:30a	Filbert Thank You God Party - FH
	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	2:00p	Halva Thank You God Party - FH
	7:00p	Church Council
Wed 11/22		No School (22-24) - Office Open
	7:00p	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	Birthdays	Rich Crow
Thurs 11/23		Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
Fri 11/24		Office Closed
	Anniversaries	Jesse & Ashli Florang
	Birthdays	Christopher Crow
		Todd Willers
Sat 11/25	Anniversaries	Don & Gretchen Trampe
	Birthdays	Jade Florang
Sun 11/26	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Voters Meeting
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Anniversaries	Chris & Sarah Hoehner

Announcements for November 19th, 2023

<u>Thanksgiving Eve Service:</u> Thanksgiving Eve worship will be offered this Wednesday at 7pm. Please join us to give thanks in song to our loving God!

<u>Voter's Meeting:</u> There will be a voter's meeting following worship NEXT Sunday. We will meet in the sanctuary. Business will include election of officers and board members.

<u>Christmas Decorating:</u> Help!!! Your church needs you! Please join us in decorating the sanctuary to celebrate our Savior's birth on Saturday, December 2, at 1:00 pm. Men are needed especially right at 1:00 pm to put up the tree. Thank you!

<u>Children Christmas Rehearsal</u> - The rehearsal dates for the Children's Christmas Eve Service will be 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23. The rehearsals will begin at 9:00 am. If your child plans to participate, please tell their Sunday School teacher, so we can plan accordingly.

<u>Poinsettias to beautify God's house:</u> during the two weeks prior to our Savior's birth can now be purchased. The cost is \$17.00, and checks can be made out to Mary Martha. The poinsettia order sign-up envelope will be with Holly in the office during the week, and in the Fellowship Hall during adult Bible study on Sunday. Questions? Please contact Carol DeLoach at 308/627-2279.

<u>Annual Food Collection:</u> We are starting our annual food collection this week. It will go from now until Christmas. Please only donate non-perishables and unopen items! If you are able to gather the items and take them to the Jubilee center, contact the office.

<u>Universal Church Directory App:</u> The directory app is ready! Holly sent out your Unique Identifier Codes. It will show up as Universal Church Directory. Please sign up ASAP!

<u>4th Quarter Missions:</u> Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting Zion students studying to be Church Workers: Peter Kreutzer (Concordia) LTD

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia) LTD

Those wishing to donate, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex and place them in the offering plate.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Extra Pies:</u> We have a lot of extra pies left! Contact Holly if you would like to buy some.

<u>Thanksgiving Break:</u> There will be no school Wednesday-Friday, November 22-24, for Thanksgiving. We are thankful to God for all the wonderful students and their amazing families. Have a great Thanksgiving!

<u>Give Where You Live:</u> This year Zion will be participating in Give Where You Live Campaign. It will be December 7th (giving day), but donations will be accepted beginning November 9th. To contribute online go to: https://www.givewhereyoulive.net/organization/ZionLutheranSchool. If you would rather give in person feel free to stop by the office. Please share this with family and friends.