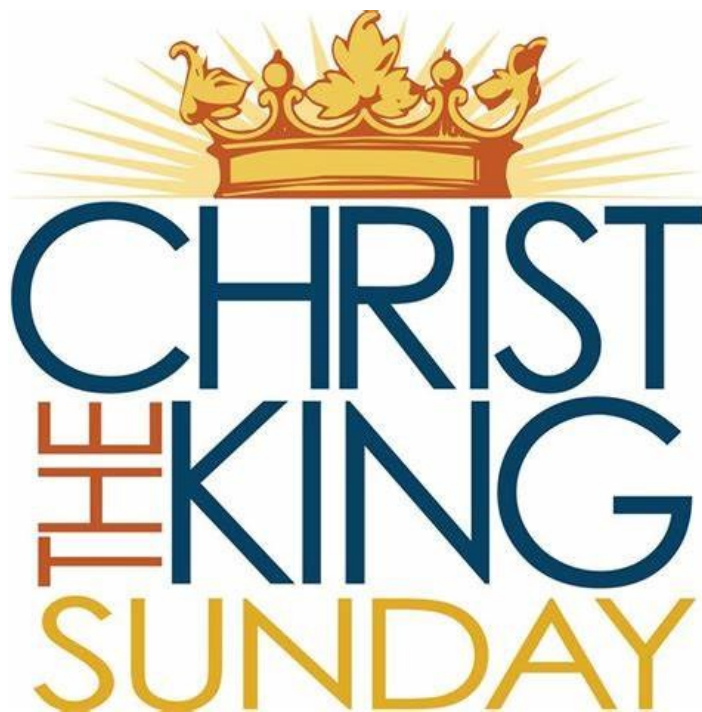


**Sunday Worship**  
**November 26, 2023**



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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## INTRODUCTION

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Arr: Wold

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

P: Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN Red hymnal #855**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in Him we inherit the riches of Your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world You have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### **KYRIE Red hymnal #120**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #121**

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand**

of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director Bill Jones      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Music: Oliver Holden, Text: Edward Perronet

### THE WORD

#### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

R: <sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a**

R: <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

- C:** <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- R:** <sup>3</sup>For You, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
- C:** <sup>4</sup>**In Your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also Yours.**
- R:** <sup>5</sup>The sea is Yours, for You made it, and Your hands have molded the dry land.
- C:** <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- R:** <sup>7a</sup>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**

**P:** <sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray 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, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And He has put all things under his feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**R:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401**

**C:** **Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's Your leading that we're needing, help us to follow You. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Gospel according to **Matthew 25:31-46**

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>"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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.' <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**BAPTISM of Melody Ann "Ellie" Clenney**

**Red Hymnal #227**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN Red Hymnal # 679**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**P:** Let us confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS** *(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer . . .**

### **OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

#### **OFFERTORY SONG #674** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

## BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN Red hymnal #451

*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

## DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Arr. Wold

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Billie Fischer in memory of Fred.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted  
using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.*

## In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Marissa Kessler

Pastor

Dale Schaefer

Communion Assist

Pam Sauls

Reader

Debbie Weprin

Greeters

Randy & Debbie Turner

Usher

Matt Sauls

**ATTENDANCE 11/18& 19:** 108

**Sunday School:** Adult 12

**Unified Giving 11/18 & 19:** \$4,290.00

Youth & Kids 13

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2024 FLOWER CHART:** The chart to sign up for flowers next year is posted in the fellowship hallway. ***Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.***









