# WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz

**Every Week at Zions:** (a) 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

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\*(Congregation please stand as able)

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*OPENING HYMN:** WOV 693 *Baptized in Water* v. 1 & 2 now (v. 3 later) *You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.* 



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## BAPTISM OF ELSIE ANNE DUH AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Elsie Anne Duh for baptism.

P: Adam and Alyssa, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people,

bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer,

so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

The sponsors are addressed:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elsie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church:

Sponsors: We do

The assembly is addressed:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elsie and pray for her in her new life in Christ? C: We do.

# **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you, together with the whole gathered assembly, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

## Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen** 

# BAPTISM

P: Elsie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

# C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain Elsie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P: Elsie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** 

# The candidate is given a lighted candle.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

# **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

P: As we welcome Elsie into the body of Christ, we also welcome to Zion's Adam and Alyssa, who come to us from other congregations. Adam and Alyssa, you have already made public profession of your faith. In your baptism, you were welcomed into the body of Christ, and into the mission we share. Together we are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Adam and Alyssa: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Adam and Alyssa and pray for them in their life in Christ?

# C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

# WELCOME

P: Let us welcome Elsie to the family of God, together with Adam and Alyssa whom we welcome to this community of faith..

# C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. *Sing verse 3 of "Baptized in Water"*

# \*Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.C: And also with you.

# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 568 in pew Bible)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *After the Reading:* Congregation: Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM:** Psalm 24 (pg. 436 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

Congregation: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

C: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

L: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

- C: Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

C: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

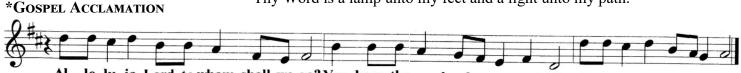
- L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
- C: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a (pg. 1007 in pew Bible)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. *After the Reading:* Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON as the children come forward, please join in singing:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.



Al - le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al -le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

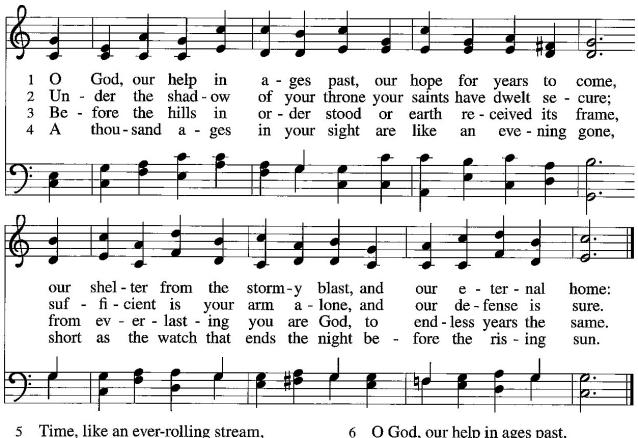
**\*Gospel:** John 11:32-44 (*pg. 874 in pew Bible*)

*Before reading*: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 11th Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678–1727

# **OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS**

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, "Lord in you mercy," respond: Hear our Prayer)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior." respond: **Amen**)

#### \*Sharing of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

#### OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

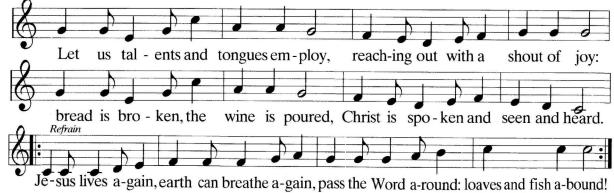
During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both onetime, and regular, automatic options.



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## **\*Offertory Hymn**



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 Music: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter. 1925-1980 © 1975 Hope Publishing Co. LINSTEAD L M and refrain

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **C: Amen.** 

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able. P: The Lord be with you.

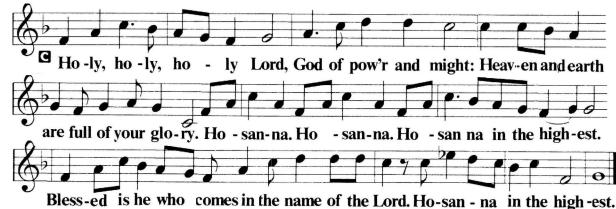
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **HOLY, HOLY,** 



#### **\*Words of Institution**

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen** 

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

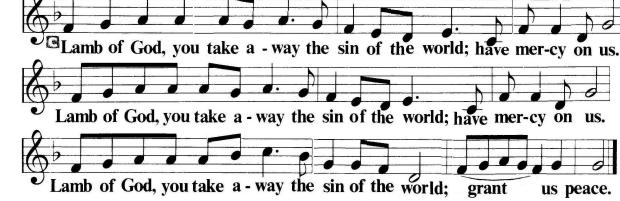
On your way back from communion, you are invited to place a stone into the bowl of water, representing yourself, and to also place as many stones as you'd like in remembrance of loved ones. Together we give thanks.

This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.

"Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen."

LAMB OF GOD (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)



<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:</b>	#174 For All the Saints
(LBW- green book)	#352 I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

# **\*Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

P: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

# C: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn: ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River

As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.



#### \*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshiping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

**This week we especially remember in our prayers**: Kelly, Stephen, Miriam, Dean, Jeff, Peggy, Val, Brooke, Chris, Jeanne, Randy, Andy Bomberger, Nancy Winklebleck, Pastor Ted Hummel, hurricane victims and all victims of violence.

#### This Week at Zions: No Quilting this week.

Nov. 3, Sunday @ noon Council Retreat

Nov. 6, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

# Next Week at Zions:

Nov. 10, Sunday @ 9:15 am Dudes & Donuts and Women of the Word meet Nov. 11, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting

Nov. 12, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Nov. 13, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

In addition to the "Prayer List" which is printed in the weekly bulletin and read aloud as part of the Prayers of Intercession, Zion's also has a "Prayer Chain" which operates via email. Prayer Chain emails are sent out as requested and includes prayer requests for members of our community and their immediate family members. If you would like to be added to the list of people who receive these email updates occasionally OR have someone you'd like to request prayers for via the Prayer Chain, please email Maryann Guldin (ma.guldin@gmail.com). If you'd like someone's name included as part of the Prayer List on Sunday morning, please email Bonny (zions@comcast.net)

#### **Other News from Zions:**

#### Today we Celebrate the Baptism of Elsie Duh and Welcome Adam and Alyssa!

**Today is All Saints Sunday,** which has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. All Saints Day (November 1) began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. Today, we will read the names of members of Zion's who have died this past year together with those who have been baptized since last All Saints Day. On your way back from communion, you are invited to place a stone into the bowl of water, representing yourself, and to also place as many stones as you'd like in remembrance of loved ones. Together we give thanks.

**Men's and Women's Bible studies** will meet NEXT Sunday, Nov. 10, and continue on the second Sunday of each month. Donuts and coffee will be available.

**Our "Loaves and Fishes" campaign** has surpassed our \$3000.00 goal to fund six fish farms (\$250/each) and thirty home gardens (\$50/each including seeds, tools, and agricultural training). You can give through Simply Giving, PayPal, or the yellow envelopes in your pews. THANK YOU for your generosity!

**The Kitchen/Pastor's Office Roof Replacement has begun!** On Sunday, October 20, the congregation approved spending up to \$25,000 from the Capital Fund to replace this 60+ year old roof that was riddled with leaks. We're grateful that we had the funds available to do this work immediately, and now ask for your help replenishing the Capital Fund. Gifts can be made through Simply Giving, PayPal, or marked on your offering checks. Thank you!

**Your Generosity is Inspiring!** Last Sunday, 30 households returned Generosity Cards, sharing their intentions for supporting the ministries of Zion's in the year to come. We are grateful for this strong response towards our goal of 41 returned Generosity Cards. If you haven't yet had a chance to respond, you can pick up a Generosity Card in the windowsills in the sanctuary, or use this QR code to record your response online. THANK YOU!



**Thrivent Action Team reminder:** If you are a Thrivent member with access to Action Team cards, please remember that they have a "use it or lose it" policy--2024 Action Team cards need to be applied for by December 31, and you can only apply for one at a time (most eligible members have access to two cards per year). These cards can be used for a wide variety of projects that serve the community, and can be a great way to respond to the many needs you hear of this time of year. If you have cards and need help coming up with a project, please talk with Pastor Caitlin or Jim Gill!

**The NL Clothing Closet could use your time!** We are open seven days a week, and in particular need for volunteers on Thursday evenings (3:30 - 7 PM) and Saturday morning (9:30-1 PM) Volunteers help process and sort, stock new clothing, maintain shelves and racks in shopping areas, launder donations, perform shopper intake, assist shoppers *and best of all: meet new friends as you serve our neighbors!* If you are interested in learning more, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Joan Lehman 717-450-6767 or lehman.joan51@gmail.com

Welcome, Deacon Marsha Roscoe! Deacon Marsha, assistant to the bishop, joins us for worship this morning before leading our Council retreat this afternoon. Please take a moment to welcome her, and thank her for her leadership.

Serving at Zion's Today			Next Sunday			
Lector		Michelle Bucks		Linda Wenrich		
Prayer	Deb Reiner		Kerri Price			
Children's sermon Pastor Caitlin			Tracy Hoy			
Comm. Assts.		Linda Wenrich		Deb Long, Ed Ludwig		
Greeter		Stephanie Livingston		Elaine Ludwig		
Acolyte				Madelyn Rittle		
Crucifer		Xander McQuaide		Daryl Hess		
Altar Guild		Bucks family		Strattan/Wenrich		
Elevette		Noel Strattan		Tom Frey		
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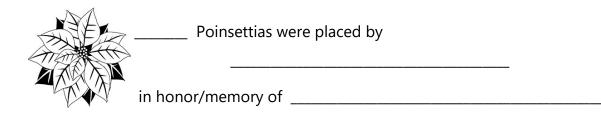
LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available with the elevette bulletins and the ushers.

**Need a study Bible?** We have two, brand new paper back copies of the Lutheran Study Bible, and we'd love to give you one! We used to give these to our Confirmation students but have found that they don't always hold up to their use, so now we give them hardback versions. In addition to scripture, these Bibles are full of informational tidbits and devotional questions. Pick up one today in the Gathering Area!

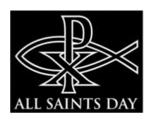
Youth choir meets after church in the sanctuary on for practice. Contact Joanna Guldin (joanna.guldin@gmail.com or 717-228-9846) for information.

When we share what we have, there is more than enough to go around! **THANK YOU** for your generosity! With your help, we have SURPASSED the goal of our **Loaves and Fishes** campaign. Together we have raised over \$3,300 to feed God's people, and work towards sustainable development, through ELCA World Hunger. These gifts will be matched, dollar for dollar, through a special initiative in honor of their 50th anniversary. A story of abundance, indeed! Thanks be to God!

**Poinsettias**: Zion's will be decorating with red poinsettias, from Pine View Greenhouse on route 343, for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in a 6 1/2 inch pot, please pick up and fill out a form which can be found below or outside the back of the sanctuary doors on the window sills. **Return the form and \$6.50 per plant before November 24** with your payment to the church, or place in the offering plate. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.



The white rosebuds in the sanctuary are in memory of those who have died and gone to be with our Savior since last All Saints Day:



Beatrice Wolferd Donald Kleinfelter Philip Mohn

The yellow rosebuds in the sanctuary are in honor of those who were Baptized since last All Saints Day:



Maisie Hoy Hannah Trimmer Alice Brownsberger Michael Brownsberger Kadance Kugler Colton Hess Harper Herr Rory Savage

