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### CHURCH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today:	Divine Worship	9:30 am
	Adult Bible Study	10:35 am
Nov. 16, Tue.	Council meeting via Zoom	7:00 pm
Nov. 18, Thur.	On-line Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 pm
Nov. 21, Sun.	Service of Divine Communion	9:30 am
	Adult Bible Study	10:35 am

#### Looking Ahead:

Nov. 25, Thur. Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 27, Sat. Decorate church for Christmas 9:00 am

**If you need Pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Michael Croon at the church office phone number 708-453-3514, or cell phone number 224-301-7101.**



**About the Cover:** Jesus speaks of the promises for those who endure in the midst of suffering. Likewise, Paul says that "we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5). God's Word gives us the promises for the new horizon in the future, because it points us to the One who endured the cross for us.

But the one who  
endures to the end  
will be saved

Sunday

14 November, 2021



Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Showing Everyone Life and Love in Christ

**Welcome:** Welcome to this house of prayer and praise as we gather together as family members, made His own through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moves us to celebrate the salvation which we have in Christ Jesus. May the Spirit fill our hearts and lives with joy in the Lord

If this is your first visit to Zion, please sign our Guest Register in the narthex and do return to worship with us again soon.

Worship

Pentecost 25

*The Crucified and Risen Body of Christ Jesus  
Is the True Temple of God*

Despite its "wonderful stones" and "great buildings," the Jerusalem temple would be torn down, with not one stone left upon another, just as this present world and its kingdoms will come to an end (Mark 13:1-8). But that temple pointed beyond itself to Christ, to His sacrifice upon the cross and to the resurrection of His body as the true Temple of God. In the midst of sin and death, by the proclamation of the Gospel, He now gathers disciples into His body, wherein "the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Mark 13:10-13). For He is "a great priest over the house of God," who "will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." By the pure water of His Baptism, they "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith," and by His flesh and blood, they enter the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:17-22). Thus are His people delivered, "everyone whose name shall be found written in the book." For by the wisdom of His Gospel, He turns "many to righteousness," so that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" to everlasting life (Dan. 12:1-3).



**Prayer:** Blessed Lord Jesus, You not only encourage us to endure to the end, You also enable us to do so. For it is not with our own power to endure, nor do we believe that endurance is a work that saves. Lord, it is only by Your grace that we can endure to the end. Keep us in the faith to the very end. Amen.

"Be faithful, even to the point of death  
and I will give you the crown of life."  
Revelation 2:10

Our Guide to Worship

Prelude  
Welcome

**Hymn: LSB 508 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"**  
(vs. 1-4)

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
  
- L: 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.
  
- L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
  
- L: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
  
- L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  
- L&C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true Knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C: **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

P: The one who endures to the end  
C: **will be saved.**  
P: Let Mount Zion be glad!  
C: **Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

P: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,  
C: **consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**  
P: that you may tell the next generation that this is God,  
our God forever and ever.  
C: **He will guide us forever.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The one who endures to the end  
C: **will be saved.**

Responsive Verse      All glory be to God on high,      (LSB 947)  
Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended.  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.      C: **And with thy spirit.**  
P: Let us pray.      C: **Amen**

Old Testament:      **Daniel 12:1-3**

**“Those whose names are written in God’s book will rise to everlasting life in the end.”**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Response: **“Thanks be to God.”**

Epistle Reading:      **Hebrews 10:11-25**

**“God calls us to do His will, bearing our crosses patiently, and He equips us with His Word and Spirit.”**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Response: **“Thanks be to God.”**

Hymn: LSB 588 **“Jesus Loves Me”**

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13      (Please stand)

**“As Christians proclaim Law and Gospel, they need to be ready to endure the loss of everything, including their lives.”**

Response to the Announcement of the Holy Gospel:  
**“Glory be to Thee, O Lord.”**

Response to the Reading of the Holy Gospel:  
**“Praise be to Thee, O Christ.”**

## **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Hymn of the Day: LSB 645 "Built on the Rock"**

**Sermon theme:** "Enduring to the End"  
**Sermon text:** Mark 13:1-13

**Offertory:** Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
And proudly bear His Name.  
He recalls His promises  
And leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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## **Worship with our Gifts and Offerings**

### **Voluntary**

### **Prayer and Special Petitions**

**(Seated)**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**(Stand)**

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.

### **Collect**

**C: Amen**

### **Benediction**

**C: Amen**

**Hymn: LSB 508 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" (v. 5-7)**

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Postlude**

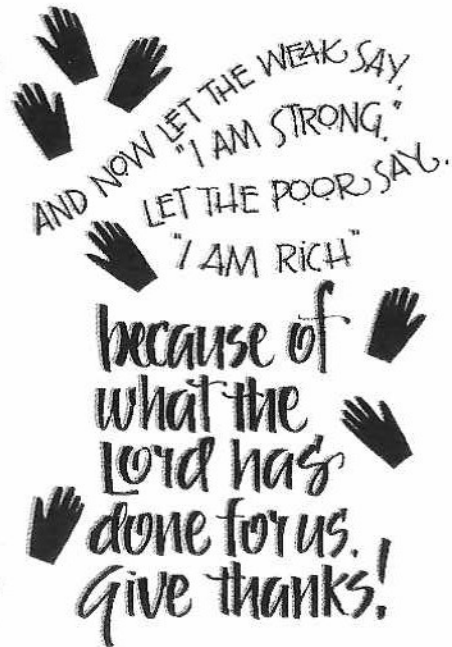
## **SOLI DEO GLORIA**

### **Serving the Lord In Zion This Day**

Pastor: Rev. Michael Croon, Sr.  
Pianist: Jaimee Stoller  
Elder & Head Usher: Patrick Brutto  
Usher: Douglas Folkers and  
Bruce Kachmarik  
Acolytes: Kume and Negatwa Stoller

**Prayers for This Week**  
Please Remember in Prayer:

Danny Kvorka,  
Richard Griesmann,  
Barbara Paape,  
Marjorie Bajus,  
Nancy Gizel,  
Rev. Mark Kloha,  
Douglas Folkers,  
Carla Petersen,  
John O'Malley,  
Wilhelm Futschek,  
Eunice Arrington,  
George Kesteloot,  
Abigail Geisler,  
Cindy Wolford, Ed Obracta,  
Steve Belan, Gloria Malina,  
Mary Ann Ondrla,  
Jeff Panagopoulos, Aria Lefabvre, Ron Parat,  
Keetra Muana, Richard Petersen, Jerry Larson,  
Alaine Peters, Sharron Schademann, Jeanne MacDonald,  
Bonita Ganassin, Rev. Robert Novotney, Erin Smigla &  
Bobbie Smigla, Patricia Achenbach, Heinz Buleje and  
Rev. Genaro Martinez Reyes, Marie Riethel, mother of  
Susan George, Naomi Bytner, Dorothy Folkers, mother of  
Doug Folkers, Andrea Landini, Avery Cannella, Jim Ford,  
Sarah, mother of three, Jeff & Kim Smith, and all those who  
are home bound or in residential or assisted living facilities.  
Those battling Covid 19, including Stephanie F.



**Psalm 28:6-7**

"Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.  
My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song."

**Gifts of Love**  
November 07, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$3474.00	Weekly Mission Needs	\$385.00
Offerings received	<u>\$3981.00</u>	Offerings received	<u>\$400.00</u>
Over	\$ 507.00	Over	\$ 15.00
YTD Short	(\$35,143.00)	Short	(\$5,279.00)

**Over-all giving to the general fund of those present last Sunday**

02 giving units	\$ 0.01 - 9.99
00 giving units	\$10.00 - 25.00
01 giving units	\$25.01 - 50.00
03 giving units	\$50.00 - 100.00
09 giving units	\$100.01 +

Attendance November 07, 2021: 37

**SPECIAL GIFTS OF LOVE**

**CHURCH:**

In Loving Memory of John D. & Mary A. Mark,  
by Nancy Pilarczyk \$100.00  
In Loving Memory of Gwen Ottmers,  
by Julie Stoller 50.00

**MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS:** \$100.00



## Food Drive:

We continue our annual food drive for the St. Cyprian Food Pantry. Please place your non-perishable food donations on the table in the narthex. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation to Zion with "St. Cyprian's Food Pantry" in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate.



**Help Us "Spruce"  
Up the Church!**

## Decorating:

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m. we will hold our Church decorating day for Christmas. If you can be present, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## Veterans Day

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Nov. 1	Steve A. Belan
Nov. 3	Jeanne Novak
Nov. 6	Scarlett Jay Nieves
Nov. 7	Volodymyr Getmanenko
Nov. 8	Ryan Ondrla
Nov. 10	Steven Ondrla Amelia Nieves
Nov. 20	David Schmitt
Nov. 22	Ronald A. Ondrla
Nov. 21	Lonnie & Eva Johns

## NOVEMBER



November 2021  
Mission Grant

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #3  
Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children  
Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$100,000**

Lutheran missionaries and church leaders in Africa have witnessed a "thirst to learn" about the Savior and have a need for easy-to-understand Lutheran books, printed in the languages of the people, to teach parents and children the Lutheran faith. With the money from this grant, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation will continue their mission of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa to enhance the growth of the church.

**Prayer:** Lord, open our hearts to opportunities to spread Your Word to all people. Help those who need to hear about God's love and salvation find Lutheran materials written in their language. Continue to guide our support of the translation and distribution of these materials around the world. We give thanks that our mite offerings expand this special ministry. In His name. Amen.