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**CHURCH WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Today      Divine Worship with Holy Communion      9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study Class      10:35 a.m.

Nov. 25, Thur.      Thanksgiving Day  
NO On-Line Bible Study

Nov. 27, Sat.      Decorating Church for Christmas      9:00 a.m.

Nov. 28, Sun.      Service of the Word      9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study Class      10:35 a.m.

**Looking ahead:**

Dec. 11, Sat.      Faithful Hearts & Hands Meeting      9:30 a.m.

Dec. 12, Sun.      Voters' Meeting after worship      10:35 a.m.

Dec. 14, Tues.      Church Council meeting via Zoom      7:00 p.m.

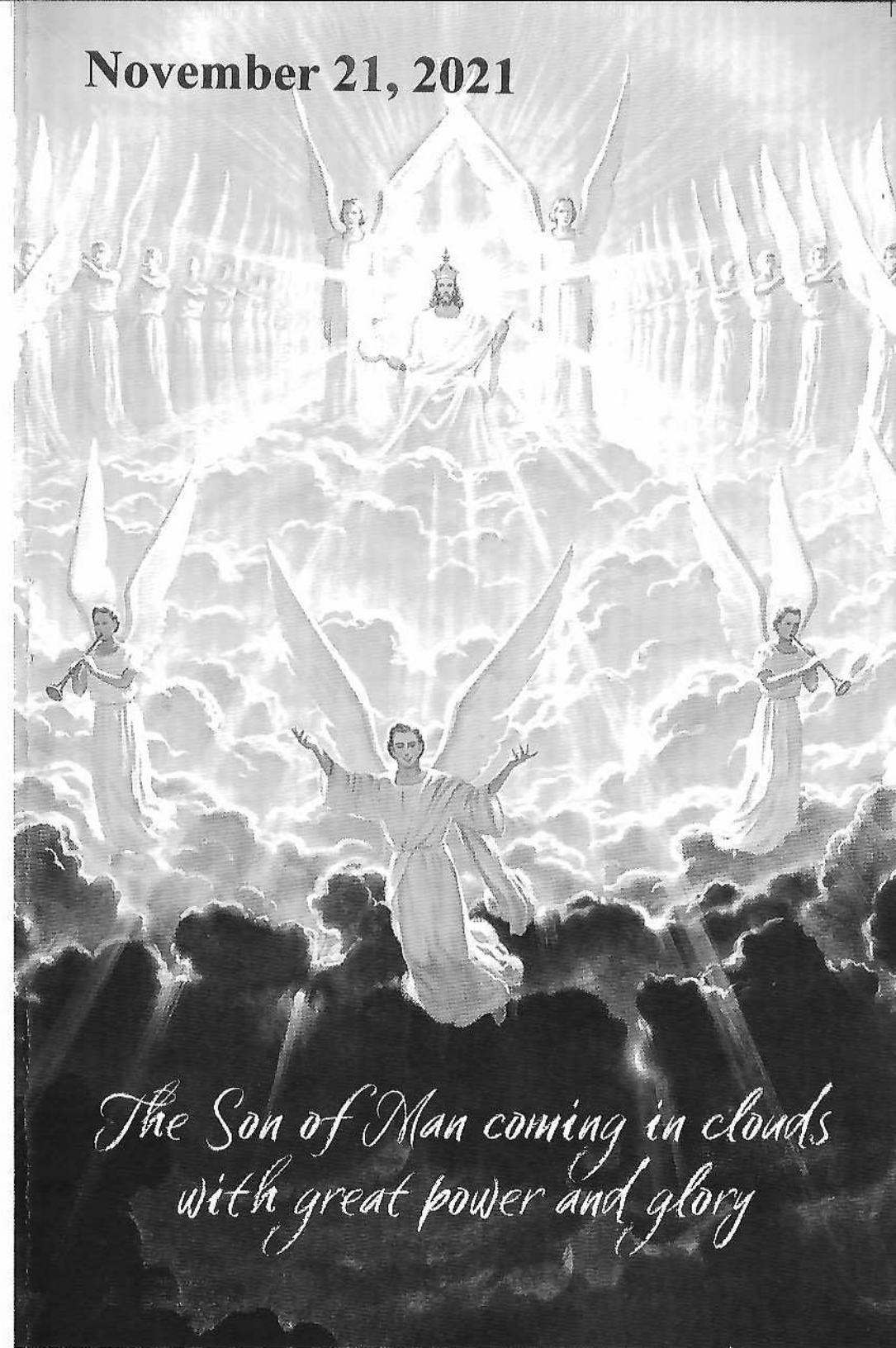
**Fall Food Drive**

A Fall Food Drive for St. Cyprian's food pantry concludes today, Nov. 21, 2021. Please place your non-perishable food donations on the table in the narthex, or you may make a monetary donation to Zion marked for "St. Cyprian's Food Pantry" and place it in the offering plate.



**About the Cross:** On the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we turn to the Last Day when the Lord will bring to completion all things. This is not a day to dread, however. It is the day that we long for with eager anticipation. It is the sight all will behold as our crucified and risen Lord and King comes in glory. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). As Martin Luther said in his explanation of the Third Article, "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

November 21, 2021



*The Son of Man coming in clouds  
with great power and glory*

Sunday

21 November 2021



## "Christ The King" Sunday

### 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 Book in the entry-way and worship with us again soon.

### Worship

### Last Sunday of the Church Year

#### *In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ*

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *"heaven and earth will pass away."* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). He is *"the firstborn of the dead,"* who in His great love *"has freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *"his dominion is an everlasting dominion"* and His kingdom *"shall not be destroyed"* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *"a light to the peoples,"* which *"will never be dismayed"* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4-6). As He *"is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,"* so wait upon *"the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life"* (Jude 20-24).

**Prayer:** Blessed Lord Jesus, King of the universe, one day You will return in power and great glory, and then we will see Eden's bliss restored. O Wisdom, ruling all things mightily and tenderly, gather together all Your people to live with You forever. And so we pray: "Come, Lord Jesus, come." For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits."  
Psalm 103:1-2

### Our Guide to Worship

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Hymn: LSB 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#### Invocation

**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,

**C:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**All: 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

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
C: **the home of righteousness.**  
P: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure  
of my days  
C: **let me know how fleeting I am!**

P: Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
C: **and my lifetime is as nothing before You.**  
P: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
C: **My hope is in You.**

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
C: **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**  
P: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;  
C: **hold not Your peace at my tears!**

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.**

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### Responsive Verse:

*(LSB 798 v9)*

**The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
“Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!”  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!  
I join the heav’nly lays;  
All might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

### First Reading     Isaiah 51:4-6

**“The Lord’s righteousness and the Lord’s salvation  
are the same Person.”**

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

### Epistle Reading    Jude 20-25

**“Keep waiting for the mercy of Jesus Christ  
that leads to eternal life.”**

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

### Holy Gospel        Mark 13:24-37                   (Please Stand)

**“Be on guard, keep awake.  
For you do not know when the time will come.”**

### 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”**

### Nicene Creed

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

**Hymn of the Day: LSB 516 "Wake, Awake, For Night is Falling"**

**Sermon theme: "Known Only to the Father!"**  
**Sermon text: Mark 13:24-37**

**Offertory Create in Me LSB pg.192-193 (Seated)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Worship with our Gifts and Offerings**  
**Voluntary**  
**The Prayers of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

**P:** The Lord be with you  
**C:** **and with thy spirit.**  
**P:** Lift up your hearts.  
**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God,  
**C:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P:** 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:

**Sanctus**

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He  
that cometh in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

#### **Pax Domini**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C:** Amen.

#### **Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution**

**Hymn: LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" (v. 1, 3, 7)  
Hymn: LSB 761 "Rock of Ages"  
Hymn: LSB 784 "Take My Life and Let it Be" (v. 1, 3, 6)**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

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**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving** (stand)

**P:** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
**C:** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P:** Let us pray. **C: Amen**

### **Salutation**

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

### **Benedicamus**

**P:** Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** **C: Amen**

**Hymn: LSB 525 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"  
(vs. 1, 3, 5)**

**Silent Prayer** **Postlude**

**Attempt Great Things for God, Expect Great Things from God**

### **Serving the Lord at Zion today:**

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>              | Rev. Michael Croon, Sr.           |
| <b>Communion Assistant:</b> | Patrick Brutto                    |
| <b>Communion Ushers:</b>    | Rhonda Dirr                       |
| <b>Pianist:</b>             | Jaimee Stoller                    |
| <b>Usher:</b>               | Douglas Folkers & Bruce Kachmarik |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>             | Kume Stoller                      |

**Flowers:** The flowers gracing the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of the Triune God, - the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, - in honor of family birthdays, by Ron & Ruth Parat, and, in memory of Rev. Michael Pfeifer, by Allen Arkuszewski.

## Prayers for This Week

Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara Paape,  
 Eugenia Larsen,  
 Richard Griesmann,  
 Marjorie Bajus, Doug Folkers,  
 Rev. Mark Kloha,  
 Nancy Gizel,  
 Carla Petersen,  
 John O'Malley,  
 Wilhelm Futschek,  
 Patricia Achenbach,  
 Eunice Arrington,  
 George Kesteloot,  
 Abigail Geisler,  
 Cindy Wolford, Ed Obracta,  
 Steve Belan, Mary Ann Ondrla,  
 Gloria Malina, 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, 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. For those battling Covid 19:



## Sympathy:

Daniel J. Kvorka, a former member of Zion, was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Our Christian sympathy and prayers for the Lord's peace and comfort are extended to his siblings, Don, Karen and Kathy, and their families, as well as extended family, caregivers and friends.

A visitation and funeral service was held on November 20, 2021 at Cumberland Chapels, Norridge, IL, followed by burial at St. Luke Cemetery, Chicago, IL.



## Gifts of Love November 14, 2021

|                    |                  |                      |                 |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Weekly Budget      | \$3474.00        | Weekly Mission Needs | \$385.00        |
| Offerings received | <u>\$1855.00</u> | Offerings received   | <u>\$215.00</u> |
| Short              | (\$1619.00)      | Short                | (\$170.00)      |
| YTD Short          | (\$36,762.00)    | Short                | (\$5449.00)     |

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

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 01 giving units | \$ 0.01 - 9.99   |
| 01 giving units | \$10.00 - 25.00  |
| 02 giving units | \$25.01 - 50.00  |
| 03 giving units | \$50.00 - 100.00 |
| 07 giving units | \$100.01 +       |

Attendance November 14, 2021: 30

### SPECIAL GIFTS OF LOVE

#### CHURCH:

Dymitrowicz Family \$ 40.00

Doris Hansen 8.00

#### In Loving Memory of our Grandmothers:

Arline Rogers on her birthdate, Nov. 22, and  
 Margaret E. Bieschke on her birthdate, Nov. 26  
 by Roger & Julie Stoller 200.00

MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS: \$140.00

#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEECHER, IL:

Lonnie & Marlee Johns \$100.00

#### ST. CYPRIAN'S FOOD PANTRY:

Laurie Ondrla \$ 50.00

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. 14 Jon Phelps  
 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 #4  
 Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life  
 LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000**

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Grant #4 for the 2021–2023 biennium is Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life. This mission grant will provide funding to develop resources to create an awareness and respect for life and the family as God designed it. These resources will provide education to children that will have a lasting effect on their choices as they grow and mature. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-4](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-4).

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, You have given us the gift of life. Thank You for the resources this grant will provide to the many who may be struggling to understand the plan You have for each one of Your children. Help us to be strong in upholding the sanctity of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### A new Thanksgiving tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything!"

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

*Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you! Sincerely, Joan*

**Bible Study Opportunities at Zion:** *Thursday evening* Zoom Bible Study has resumed at 7:00pm. If you are interested and new to the class, please send your email to [zion.lutheran1963@gmail.com](mailto:zion.lutheran1963@gmail.com)



so we can include you on the Zoom invite list! *Sunday morning* Bible study, COVID precautions permitting, will be held immediately after worship. The location for Sunday morning Bible study is the “Mother’s Room” to the right of the narthex.

### A blessing or a curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

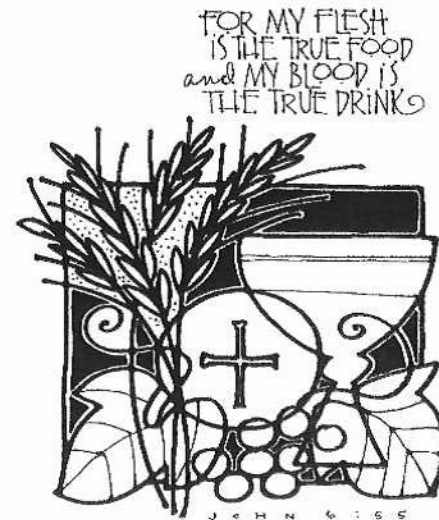


Still, Corrie wasn’t convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God in all situations, though not necessarily for them. Other times we don’t wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we’ll get.

—Julie Lee

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and His very blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as



He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Non-alcoholic wine is available for those, who for medical or personal reasons should not drink alcohol. The non-alcoholic wine is found in the individual purple cups. The regular wine is found in the individual clear cups.

Children and adults who have not been confirmed are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, a reminder of their Baptism, remembering that in Baptism, they have become children of the heavenly Father, and enjoy the blessings of salvation, including the assurance of God’s love and forgiveness.