# Zion Lutheran Church

Nampa, Idaho

November 21, 2021



Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13



# Welcome to

# **Zion Lutheran Church**

We are so glad to have everyone here today. May the Lord strengthen us through His Word.

## Worship & Fellowship

- The Sacrament of the Altar is offered weekly.
- Please fill out the attendance card found in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.
- Offering plates are available at the table near the side entrance of the church.
- Enjoy coffee time after the service in Luther Hall. It is a great way to get to know someone new.

## Children

- Worship is for the whole family. All ages are welcome.
- ◆ "Church bags" and children's bulletins are available at the side entrance.

# Zion Attendance November 14, 2021

Worship Service	164
Adult Bible Class	57
Sunday School	18
Chapel 11/12/21	71
Veterans Program 11/12/21	130

# Stewardship Bulletin Bites

# Last Sunday Of the Church Year

"But 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." 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Our salvation is secure in Christ. He has done it all to save us. Therefore, our hope is secure, and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord's work comes from what He has first given us.

# **Zion Lutheran Church**

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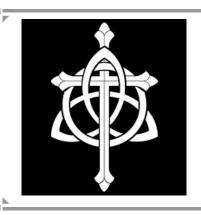
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# Last Sunday of the Church Year November 21, 2021

# Today at Zion

Divine Service 4 ~ Holy Communion ~

# By Faith We are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

# Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised to return in all glory at the consummation of the age. As we pass through this life, grant us comfort and courage as we await that great and mighty day. Preserve us in the true faith, and keep the prayer of Your Word always upon our lips, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen."



# Confession and Absolution



## Hymn of Invocation: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663



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# The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**Invocation** *LSB 203: Matthew 28:19b; 18:20* 

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**Exhortation** 

LSB 203; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **Q** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Absolution** *LSB 203; [John 20:19–23]* 

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



# Service of the Word

Stand Introit:

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; Antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;\* everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,\* and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\* let me know how fleeting | I am!

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.\*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

C And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\* My hope | is in you.

P Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\* Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

LSB 204; Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



#### Gloria in Excelsis



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.



## **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

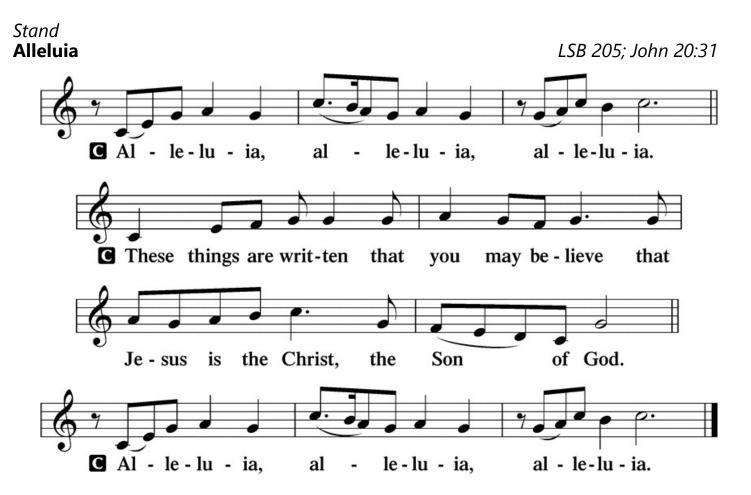
Gradual Psalm 45:14-15

- In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,\* with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
- With joy and gladness they are | led along\* as they enter the palace | of the king.

**Epistle** 

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While 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. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But 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. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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





**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 25:1-13* 

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

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed LSB 206

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
and the life 

of the world to come. Amen.

Sit Children's Chat





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#### Sermon

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Offering

The offering is presented at the altar symbolizing the offerings received throughout the week and the returning to God a portion of the treasure He has given us.

# Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

LSB 208; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

LSB 209; Matthew 6:9–13

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 209; Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20: 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

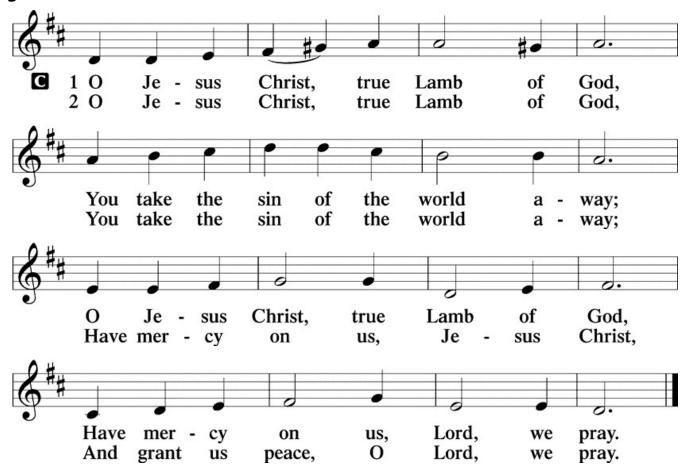
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 H 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 209; John 20:19

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





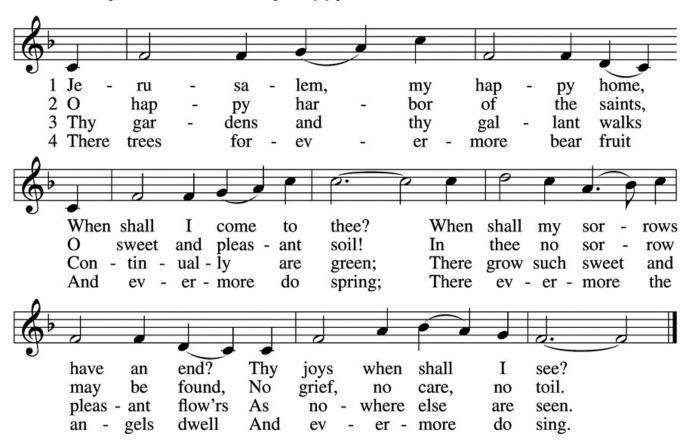
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# Statement Concerning Holy Communion

Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25), who trust in His promises, repent of sins, and forgive others as they have been forgiven. In so doing, we proclaim His death until He comes (1 Cor. 11:26) and declare our unity in the faith (1 Cor. 10:17). Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm (1 Cor. 11:17-29) and because Holy Communion is a public confession of faith, any who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the faith, or who regularly worship with a denomination other than the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked out of love and concern, to please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the Worship Service or refrain from partaking of this Sacrament until we have had the opportunity for further discussion.

You may reference appropriate prayers for Communion on the inside front cover of LSB, on p. 308, and "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329-330.

#### **Distribution**



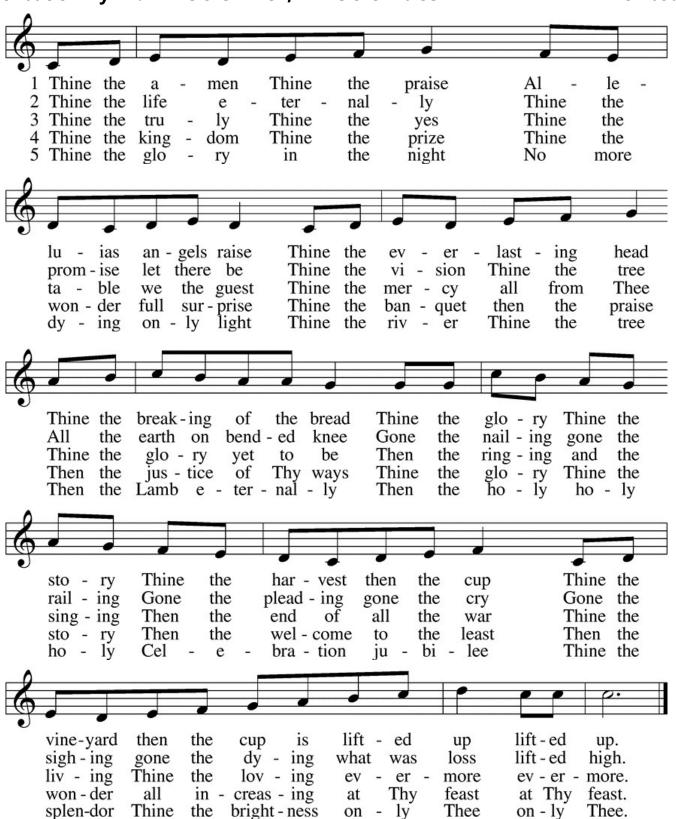
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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## Distribution Hymn: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

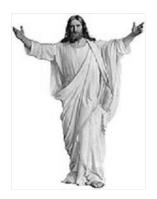
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## **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 212

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

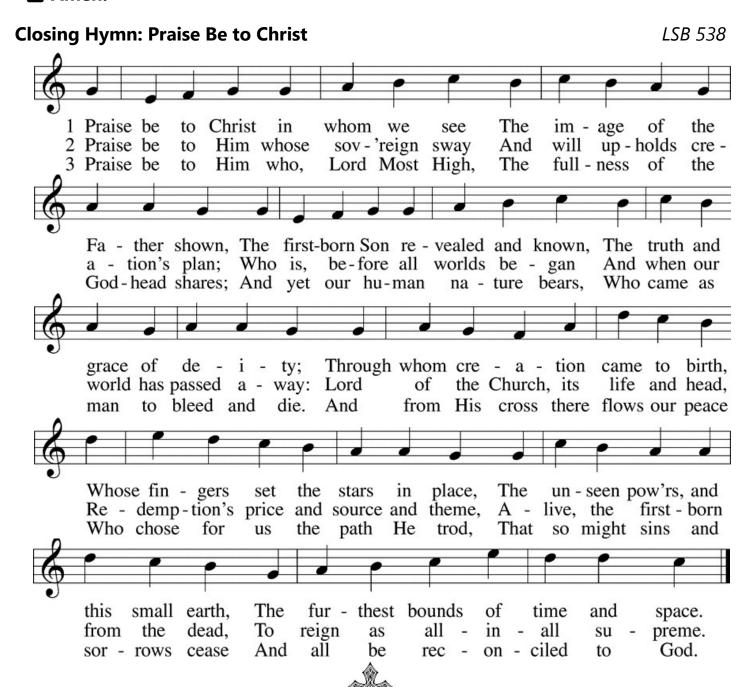
C Amen.

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

LSB 212; Numbers 6:24-26

- C Amen.



#### Acknowledgments

# This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY: LWML Bake Sale

No Confirmation

MONDAY: Church Office Closed NO Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm Ministry Council Meeting

**THURSDAY:** 9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service ~ Divine Service 5 ~

~ Holy Communion ~

**SATURDAY:** Pastor's Day with Family

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:30 am Divine Service 1 ~ Holy Communion ~ 12:00 pm Youth Christmas Decorating Party

# Announcements

**NOVEMBER'S QUILT** for raffle is an array of colorful pinwheel blocks donated by Eddie Rosenbaum and bordered and quilted by Joann Adamson in bright fall colors. Tickets are 5.00 each and sold in Luther Hall following church services. Drawing for this quilt will be held on November 28th.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY** Next Sunday the 28th after Church. All high school, middle school youth and confirmands are welcome. We will have a pizza lunch, decorate the church, and do a gift exchange. (under \$10 please)

RSVP Teresa 208.365.0016 please.

**COME JOIN US FOR ADVENT** December 1st, 8th, & 15th we will have a meal at 5:30 pm and then an Advent Service at 7pm

<u>EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...</u> Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: A Lutheran Response to 21st Century Culture, The Hymn We Praise You, O God," The Advent Season, Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**LIFE QUOTE** God says you are vital. You are crucial. His Body is incomplete without you. He says that to each of us, and I believe God wants us to see and say that about each other—despite our perceptions of one another." *Mona Fuerstenau* 

<u>IN A COMPLEX WORLD</u>, each of us need trusty advisers to lead us to proper decisions and actions. Some of the longest relationships adults may have may very well be with their financial planners who see them through opening their first investment account, planning for college, and implementing a retirement strategy. It is important to communicate your estate gifting plans to your financial planner so they can help you manage those gifts toward your goals until the Lord calls you home. Your LWML Gift Planning counselor can help you communicate those goals.

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# You are invited to: Ladies Christmas December 11th @ 11am

Join the ladies of the LWML for the annual Christmas Brunch. We will enjoy fellowship, devotions, music, skits and brunch.

- •Childcare can be arranged at no charge we do need you to let us know by December 1st if you will need this service. Please contact Tonya at 208-941-6919.
- •We will be collecting baby items to be donated to Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center.