

Zion Lutheran Church



Christ the King Sunday

5:30 p.m. November 22, 2025

9:00 a.m. November 23, 2025

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.

Worship details: In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** **A family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Dale Wood

"The Brightest Trumpet" by Franklin Ritter

RINGING OF BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth ¹ melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1:11-20 *An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

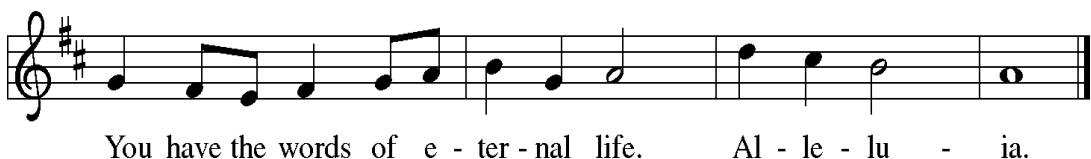
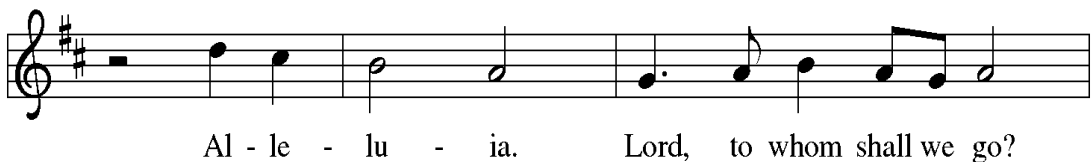
¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

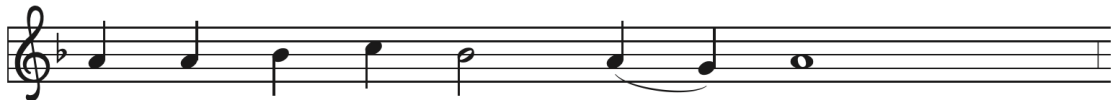
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



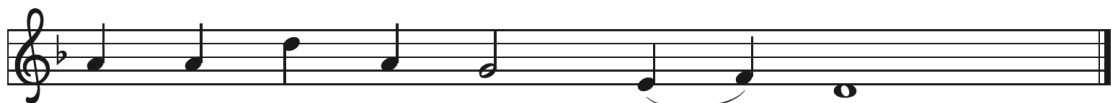
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We share Christ's peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

NOISY OFFERING Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

"If We Live"

The musical score for "If We Live" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response: "If we live, we live to the Lord. If we". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or". The third staff contains the melody for the third line: "wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes.

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we

die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or

wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103

Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl

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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

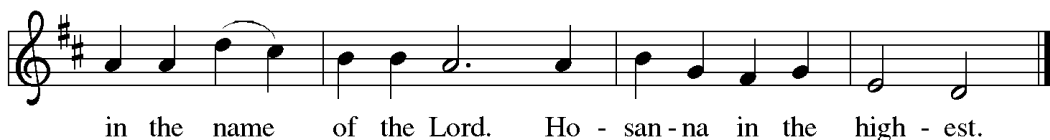
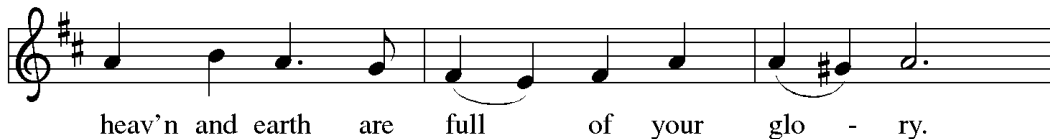
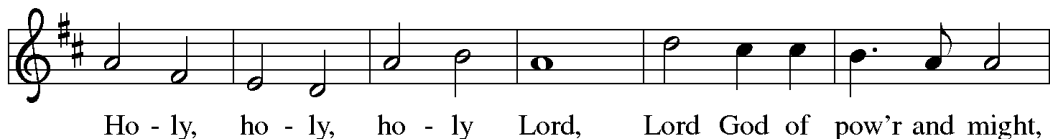
P Lift up your hearts.

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... ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn:

"My Song is Love"

ELW (red book) # 343

The assembly may stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

service in Jesus Christ,

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"He Reigns Triumphant" by James Denton

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WORSHIP LEADERS	5:30 pm	9:00 am
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Paul Holmer	Pastor Paul Holmer
Organist:	Christine Holmer	Christine Holmer
Worship Assistant:	Patti Lauritzen	Jeanne Crow
Communion Servers:	Marsha Smith & Roxanne McElroy	Willard Larsen & Jessica Hilgendorf
Greeters:	Linda Shaff	Arlene Job

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by Diane Honeywell in memory of loved ones.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE this weekend is being hosted by the Rebecca Circle.
Thank you for hosting.

PLEASE HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!!! The increased need at the IRAS Food Pantry has put a considerable strain on their ability to fill food boxes. Would you please consider using the "Food Pantry" envelope in your offering envelopes to make a monetary donation AND/OR bring food items for the grocery cart in the Narthex?

Most needed food items:

Canned Meat	Canned Vegetables	Instant Potatoes
Soup/Ramen	Peanut Butter	Canned Fruit
Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Cereal
Pancake Mix	Mac n Cheese	Boxed Dinners

VIRTUAL AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION & BRUNCH: The Social Ministry Committee hopes you are “Saving the Weekend” of Dec 5 - 7 for our Holiday Virtual Auction, Silent Auction & Brunch. This is our FAVORITE event of the year with all proceeds going to IRAS!!! Would you like to help?

Perhaps you would be willing to

- ♥ Help with setting up?
- ♥ Serve or kitchen help at the brunch?
- ♥ Donate a new item for auction, or create a basket for auction? (Sorry, no used items)
- ♥ Bake something for auction?
- ♥ Provide fruit or an egg casserole for the brunch?
- ♥ Be on the look-out for the Virtual Auction on FaceBook?
- ♥ Join us for Brunch on Sunday morning and check out the Silent Auction?

If you’d like to get involved with this event, please contact Deb Vath (563) 243-5333 or divath@mchsi.com ~ Thank you!!!

DON’T FORGET YOUR UNDERWEAR! “Undy Sunday” collection will be the weekends of November 30th & December 7th. Again this year, the Social Ministry Committee is collecting donations of socks and underwear that will be distributed to area children through the local “Holiday Network”. Drop off boxes are in the Gathering Space and Narthex. You may shop for any age child, boy or girl. Not up to shopping this year???? Make a cash donation and we will shop for you. *Thank you for your gifts!*

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 24th: 9:00 am– Quilters
10:30 am– Courier Assembly
Tuesday, November 25th: 5:30 pm– Boy Scouts
Wednesday, November 26th: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
5:15 pm– **NO** Faith FUNdations/Confirmation
Thursday, November 27th: **THANKSGIVING– OFFICE CLOSED**
Friday, November 28th: **OFFICE CLOSED**
Saturday, November 29th: 5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, November 30th: 9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 15th 5:30 attendance	48
Sunday, November 16th 9:00 attendance	<u>117</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	165

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6

Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



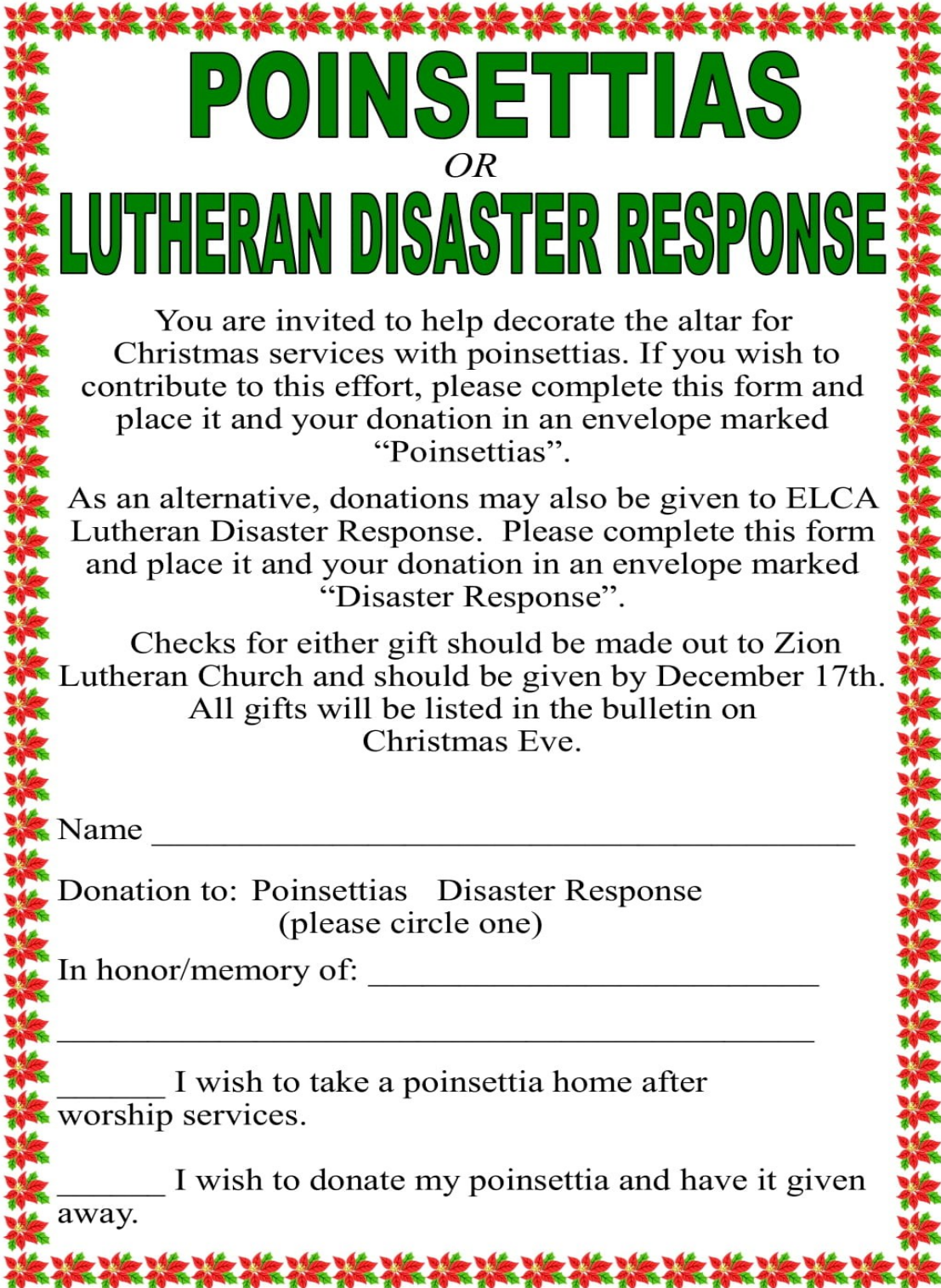
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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POINSETTIAS

OR

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

You are invited to help decorate the altar for Christmas services with poinsettias. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettias".

As an alternative, donations may also be given to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Disaster Response".

Checks for either gift should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and should be given by December 17th. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Name _____

Donation to: Poinsettias Disaster Response
(please circle one)

In honor/memory of: _____

_____ I wish to take a poinsettia home after worship services.

_____ I wish to donate my poinsettia and have it given away.

JOIN US!



You're invited to our

SILENT AND VIRTUAL

Auction

Virtual Auction

December 5-6

Zion Facebook Page

Silent Auction and Brunch

December 7

10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

**Proceeds go to Informational
Referral and Assistance**



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