

Zion Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent

5:30 p.m. November 29, 2025

9:00 a.m. November 30, 2025

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

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

"Noel Provençal" by Achille Philip

"Noel for Flute Stops" by Louis D'Aquin

RINGING OF BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Long-expected God,

C **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

"The King Shall Come"

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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verse 1 **ELW (red book) # 257**

At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.

C **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.

C **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields.

C **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us.

C **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C **Amen.**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verse 3 **ELW (red book) # 257**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Isaiah 2:1-5 *The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”*

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the

mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 (read responsively)

¹ I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.”

Romans 13:11-14 *Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.*

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community

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Matthew 24:36-44 *Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON:

Pastor Barbara Hayden

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: God of Grace. Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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

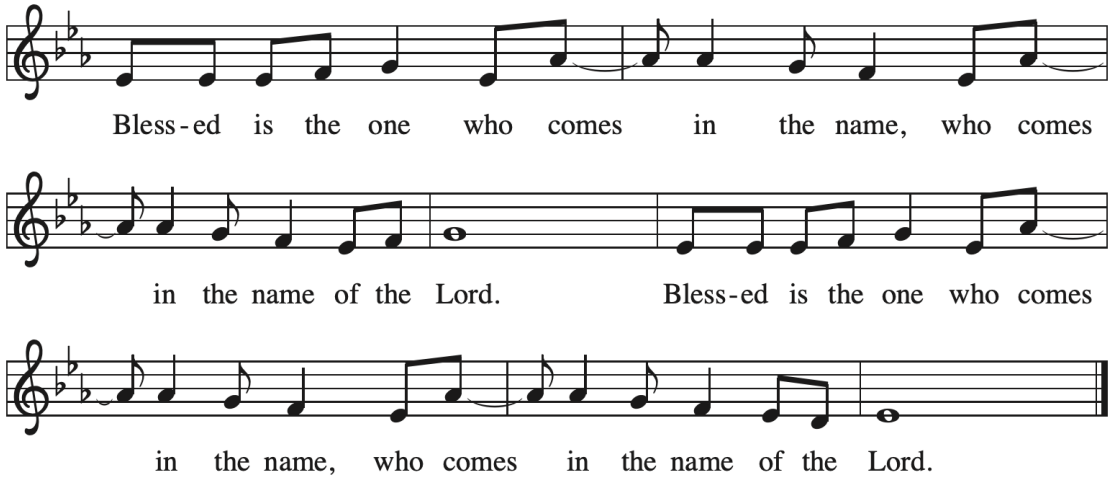
(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

"Blessed Is the One"

ACS # 929



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes
in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes
in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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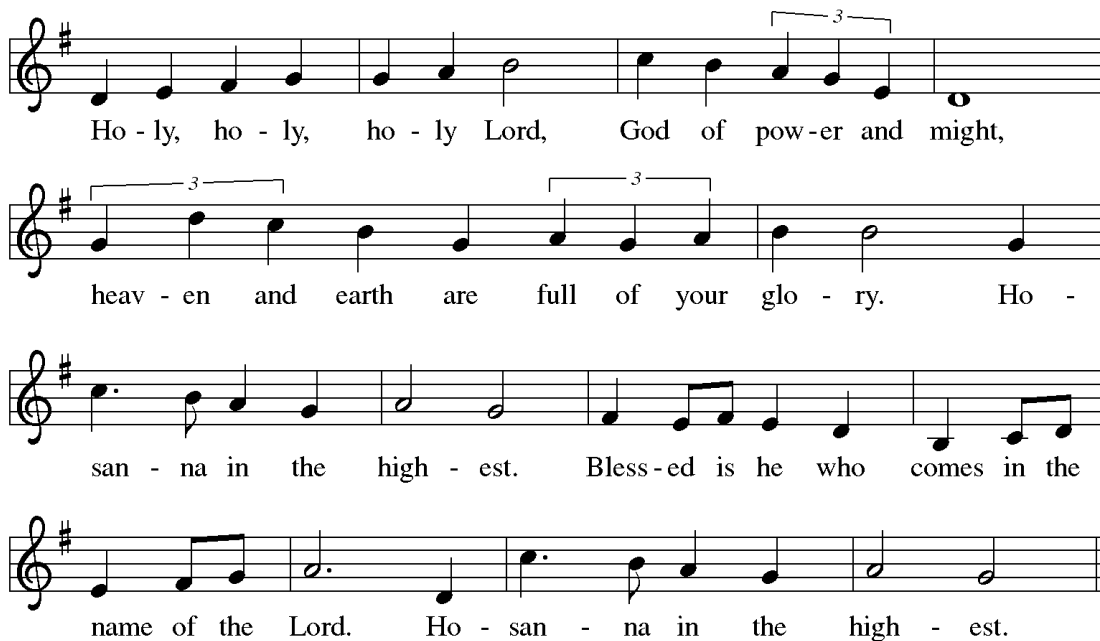
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OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
- C** **Amen.**

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:



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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 Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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.

Communion Hymns: "Each Winter as the Year Grows Older"

ELW (red book) # 252

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

ACS # 949



- 1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
- 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
- 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
- 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

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 our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

BLESSING

P May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

“Fling Wide the Door”

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“My Inmost Heart Now Raises” by J.C. Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Barbara Hayden

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Organist:

Christine Holmer

Christine Holmer

Worship Assistant:

Diane Honeywell

Deb Vath

Communion Servers:

Diane Dinning &

Jolene Burnett &

Helen Steen

Jessica Hilgendorf

Greeters:

Helen Steen

Ryan & Whitney Veenstra and Family

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by Darryl & Carol Gruhn in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Fling Wide the Door



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

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

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 djvath@mchsi.com ~ Thank you!!!

THANKOFFERING: November is the time for the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. This is an opportunity to assign a monetary value to all the things you have been thankful for this year and support ministries of WELCA. Zion's Women of the ELCA circle has placed blue envelopes in the pews for you to place your donations in. The envelopes may be turned in to the offering plate. Thankoffering has been a custom of the WELCA for many years. All donations are used to support leadership and training for the ministries of WELCA. Thank you for your support of this cause.

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!*

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION: Next Sunday, December 7, at 4:00p.m. members of Zion are invited to an Advent Celebration here at Zion. We will start in the sanctuary with a short concert by the Clintones. After the Clintones are done singing we will have a congregational sing along of Christmas carols.

A pot luck dinner will follow in the dining hall. Please join us for a fun evening of music and fellowship.

PLAN FOR GIVING CARDS: Haven't turned in your Plan for Giving card yet? That's okay, there is still time to get them in! The Plan for Giving cards are important as they help Zion budget for the upcoming year. You may drop your cards in the offering plate (there are envelopes available on the usher's stand if you need one), drop it off in Zion's office, or mail it to Zion's office. Thank you and God's blessings.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

- Monday, December 1st: 5:30 pm– Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, December 2nd: 5:00 pm– Executive Committee
6:00 pm– All-Committee Night
- Wednesday, December 3rd: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations/Confirmation
5:45 pm– Bells
6:45 pm– Choir
- Friday, December 5th: 5:00 pm– Virtual Auction Begins on Facebook
- Saturday, December 6th: 5:00 pm– Virtual Auction Ends on Facebook
5:30 pm– Worship
- Sunday, December 7th: 9:00 am– Worship
10:00 am– Silent Auction & Brunch
4:00 pm– Family Advent Celebration

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 22nd 5:30 attendance	51
Sunday, November 23rd 9:00 attendance	<u>100</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	151

JOIN US!



You're invited to our

SILENT AND VIRTUAL

Auction

Virtual Auction

December 5-6

Zion Facebook Page

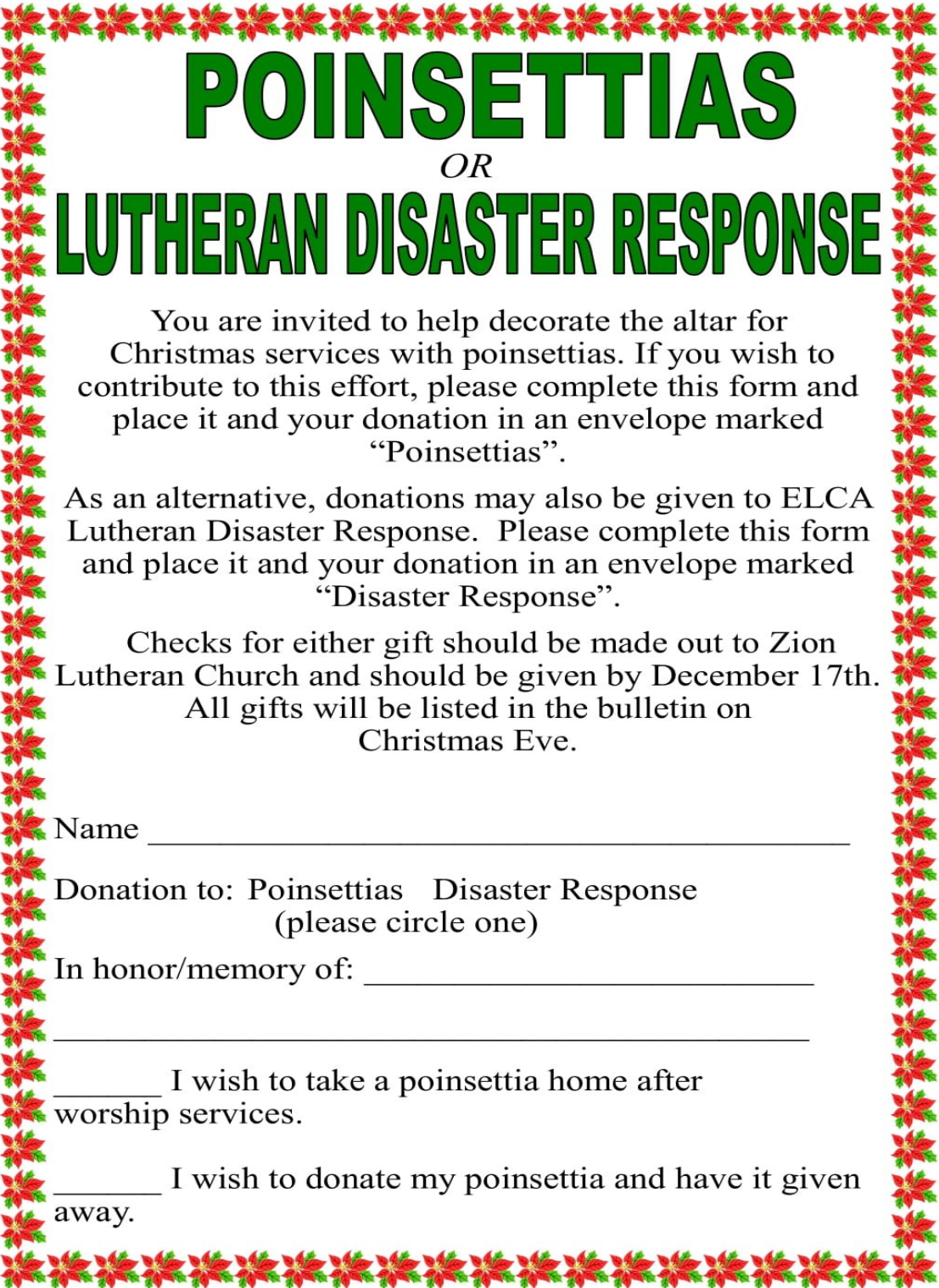
Silent Auction and Brunch

December 7

10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

**Proceeds go to Informational
Referral and Assistance**



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.



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