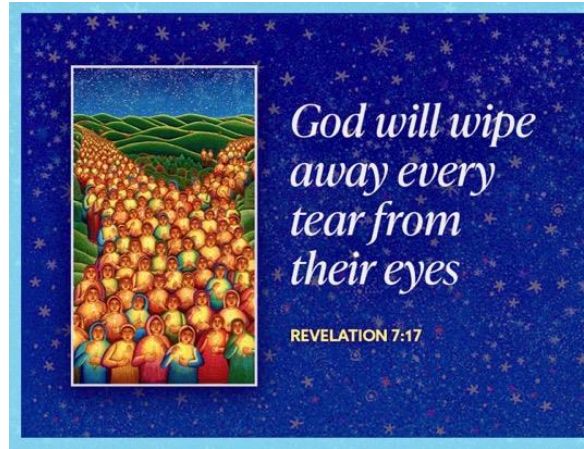




All Saints Sunday – November 1, 2026

10 a.m. Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church

Welcome Friends and Guests: All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Becky McNeil & John Strecker-Baseler
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Sharon Sorenson
Ushers – Mary McKenna & Jo Moss
Communion – Steve Hanson & Mark Moss



Worship & Music: In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

We use both the cranberry Lutheran Book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

Communion: We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of tray) are available.

Other: Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our First Sunday Potluck. All are welcome.

Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.

~Gathering~

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today.

Amen.

As we observe All-Saints Sunday, we not only revere those who have gone before us in faith and remember them in love, we also are reminded that in holy baptism God unites all the faithful into the one church on earth and in heaven.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

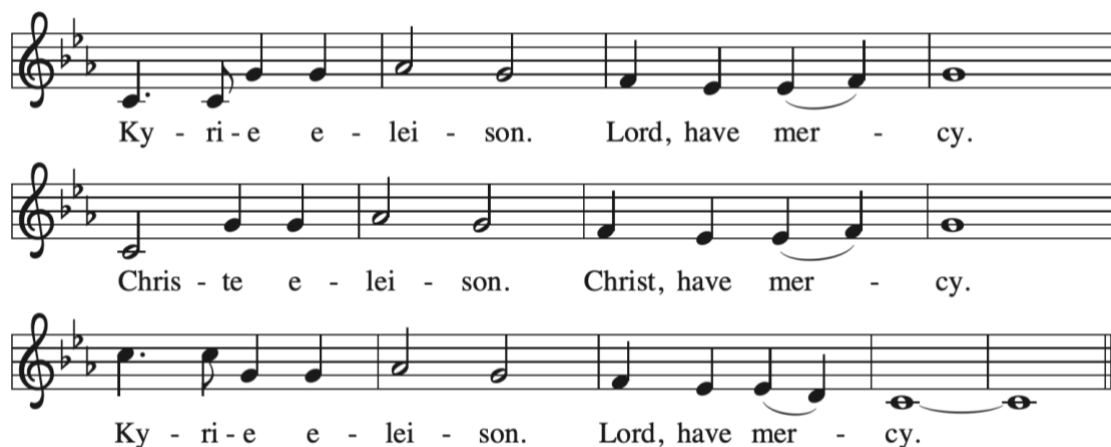
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: #423 (cranberry hymnal) Shall We Gather at the River

Greeting

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace. **And also, with you.**

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 31:31-34

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

God’s Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

²² O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 5.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #427 (cranberry hymnal) For All Your Saints, O Lord

The 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 the People

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation and restore lands affected by fire, flood, and climate change. Protect soils and waterways, protect our environment from private land grabs. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with fairness, wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with illness. Today we lift prayers for...God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Peace

The grace-filled peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

~Meal~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church.

You can give by check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:

<https://www.zionsluth.org/give>

Offertory: #689 (cranberry hymnal) Praise and Thanksgiving v. 1

Offering Prayer

We seek, not to be saints so much, but simply your people. We have been blessed beyond imagination and so pray, as we offer these gifts, that they would be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless - all those who are our siblings. **Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper...And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, the Creator, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

Our bread is gluten free & both wine and white grape juice are available.

God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.

Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.

Communion Song: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: #422 (cranberry hymnal) For All the Saints

Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise

Communion Prayer

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

A Meditation for All Saints Sunday

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you...May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. **Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

May God bless you with reminders of the saints who have gone before, so that, inspired by their witness, you may live as witnesses to Love here and now. And may God surround you with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation — can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. ✠ **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #428 (cranberry hymnal) Give Thanks for Saints

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

Flowers: Donated by John & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, giving thanks for everyone's loved ones: the Saints in Heaven and the Saints on Earth. Praise be the Lord!"

"Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God alone"

- + **Fellowship:** Join us after worship Sunday for our First Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- + **Zion's Book Club:** Our Adult Study continues at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Our next study is on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our discussion of the book, "What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer".
- + **Colorado's General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ballots must be received by the county clerk by 7 p.m. on Nov. 3. Postmarks do not count.
- + **Thank You:** We are grateful to everyone who helped with this week's Dinner & A Movie – a time of food, fellowship, and focus. We also are thankful to everyone who helped with 5-Loaves deliveries this weekend.
- + **We're Getting Ready for Thanksgiving:** Plans are underway to support the many tasks that are needed for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year, we will contract cooking and carving of turkey and ham but need help with other food items. We also need people to help on Thanksgiving Day with serving food, delivering meals, serving and clearing tables for people dining in, and cleaning up, among other tasks. If you can help, please contact Norine Hazen or Pr. Lisa. They can direct you to the people who are heading each task. If you know someone who needs meals delivered, please share that information with Jo Moss. For details, see the November newsletter which is available in your email or the Zion's website.
- + **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, Pr. Lisa has office hours from 9 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment. Call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email to zionsluth@gmail.com.

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