

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

The Feast of Christ The King

Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 9:45 a.m.

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~ This Week at Zion's ~

November 22, 2026 9:45 a.m. Worship

Preaching	Pastor Tom	Ushers	Colleen Holley & Angela Gutman
Assisting Minister	Helena Morris		
Musician	Neal Deniston	Altar Care	Karen Graf
Lector	Steve Graf	Fellowship Hour	Cindy Wendell
Acolyte	Maggie Frank & Coralene Heisler	Offering Collectors	Marsha Leaders & Sue McKibben

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman

~ We Gather To Hear God's Word ~

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

We invite everyone to enter the sanctuary with a spirit of prayerful silence.

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word without distractions.

GATHERING SONG	"Lord, Be Glorified"	Red Book #744
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
OPENING HYMN	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"	Red Book #855
GREETING		
KYRIE		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147
HYMN OF PRAISE	"This is the Feast"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 149
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
We sit		
FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**		
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Psalm 95:1-7a**		
SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23**		
We stand		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Be Not Afraid"	Red Book #388
GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:31-46**		
We sit		
HOMILY	"The Great Judgement"	Pastor Tom Zulick
We stand		
HYMN OF THE DAY	"Jesus Shall Reign"	Red Book #434
NICENE CREED		Red Book Setting 1, pg. 104

~ We Respond to God's Word ~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit

OFFERTORY HYMN	"Let the Vinyards"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35
We stand		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152
SANCTUS		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER VI		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)		
We sit		
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"For the Fruit of All Creation"	Red Book #679
	"Beautiful Savior"	Red Book #838
We stand		
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

~ We Go To Live God's Word ~

CLOSING HYMN	"Prepare the Royal Highway"	Red Book #264
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

November 15, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance: 62	Ministry Fund	$ 1,580.00
Youtube Views: 42	Building Fund	$ 0.00

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Eucharist, the meal of the baptized children of God. All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are invited at the table. White grape juice is available for those who prefer it. Indicate so by placing your right hand across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

To be added to the prayer chains, please contact:

ePrayers: office@zionslutheranchurch.com

WE PRAY…For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Barb Jones, John Jacob, Elaine Davis, and Michael Mullett.

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Becky Mohr, J.C. Winstead, Kelly Jones, Aza Ferguson, Brent Rosebrook, and the family of George & Clara Zimmer.

For the men and women of our military both here and abroad: Especially, Dan Bostelman, Scott Clippinger, Jeremy Horstman, Andrew Mullett, Zachary Price, Benjamin Mullett, Erika Rogers, Matthew Rogers, Evan DeTray, and J.C. Winstead.

~ Lutheran History ~

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Clement was the third bishop of Rome and served at the end of the first century. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the Corinthian congregation, still having difficulty with divisions in spite of Paul's canonical letters. Clement's writing echoes Paul's. "Love . . . has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently. Love is neither servile nor arrogant. It does not provoke schisms or form cliques but always acts in harmony with others." Clement's letter is also a witness to early understandings of church government and the way each office in the church works for the good of the whole.

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Sunday, Nov. 22	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, Nov. 23	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, Nov. 25	10:30 am	Dulcimers
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
Thursday, Nov. 26	THANKSGIVING DAY	
Sunday, Nov. 29	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

~Announcements~

November 22, 2026

BIRTHDAY: Happy birthday this week to Mark Retcher, Linda Wagner, & Sharon Washington.

BIBLE STUDY: Please join Pastor Tom this Wednesday evening @ 6:00 p.m. for a new Bible Study, "Discipleship in a Post-Christian Age." Books are available in the church office.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Saturday, December 5th. Please join us for decorating & fellowship.

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE MEETING: Sunday, December 6th after worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to stay!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS BASKETS: Zion's has signed up to participate in the collection for the Christmas Blessings Basket's that Children's Lantern gives away. We have committed to collecting 90 cans of frosting by December 6th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex to let us know how many cans of frosting you are committing to collecting. Thank you for participating in this worthy cause!

ANGEL TREE: Let's help residents of the Filling Home have a special Christmas! Take an angel from the Angel tree and return with the gifts unwrapped in a gift bag by Sunday, December 15th. **Hats, gloves, & mittens** may be hung on the tree as well for distribution to area programs and agencies to keep our children and those in vulnerable situations warm this winter (see bulletin insert for further info).

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Please consider sponsoring a poinsettia for Christmas Eve! We need at least 12, but the more the merrier! If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, complete an order form (located in the narthex) and turn it in to the church office not later than Sunday, December 6th.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2027 Offering Envelopes have arrived. If you normally use the offering envelopes for your giving, please stop in the church office to pick up your 2027 booklet. If you do not have a personalized booklet and would like to use them in the new year, please let Teresa know and she will set you up!

PANTRY DONATIONS: December pantry needs are Kleenex, paper towels, bar soap, and dish soap.

WELCOME VISITORS: If you are a visitor, please fill out the *"Prayer Request & Visitor"* card in the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the designated basket in the back of the sanctuary. We would love to invite you to any upcoming events and services.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Children's LANTERN

CHRISTMAS BLESSING BASKETS

Help make Christmas brighter for foster, kinship, and adoptive families by donating to our Christmas Blessing Baskets with frosting!

Last year, we served 301 kids. Let's make that number even greater this year.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

DROP FROSTING OFF HERE!



SCAN THE CODE TO GIVE MONETARILY





The Angel Tree

Once again, an Angel/Mitten tree is here with the names of residents of the Filling Home of Mercy, with gift suggestions for each.

Pull one or two angels as you wish, purchase your gift(s), place them in a gift bag and attach the angel to the bag for identification purposes.

You do not have to purchase everything on the list, or you may purchase some additional items you think the resident may like.

Do not wrap the gift(s) as staff will need to put each residents' name on each item, then place the items back in the bag to give to the resident for Christmas.

Donations of hats, mittens, gloves and scarves may also be placed ON the Angel Tree.

All gifts must be placed under the tree by Sunday, December 13th so they can be delivered to the Filling Home of Mercy on the morning of December 14th so the staff can have them ready for the Christmas party for the residents.

Please do not wrap any gifts

Deadline: December 13, 2026