

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Last Sunday of End Time

November 24, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: The liturgical year ends with a grand confession of faith and a hymn of adoration to Christ the King. In each of the readings different aspects of his majesty finds emphasis. They are all held together by the golden thread of the unique nature of that majesty. Never was there or could there be another king like him; beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and in eternity. Incomparably great therefore is also our joy in worshipping him even now, as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and glory.

This is the Last Sunday in the season of End Time. During these four Sundays, the Church focuses on the fulfillment of Christ's promises and encouragement for the Church. We live in the last days and in this season, Jesus wants us to remember his promise, "behold, I am coming soon!" The white paraments for the last two Sundays of the season of End Time are used to remind us of the color of the robe of the glorified King, and of the angels and saints in heaven. It is the color of perfection, joy and purity, which all Christians will enjoy in the heavenly kingdom.

LITURGY: Morning Praise

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

HOLY TRINITY

195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



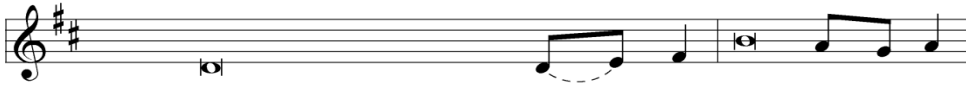
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



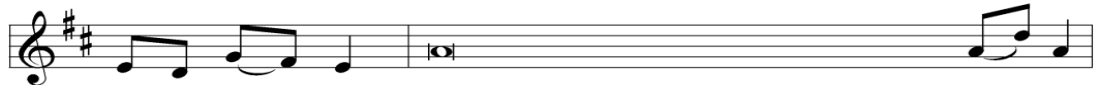
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



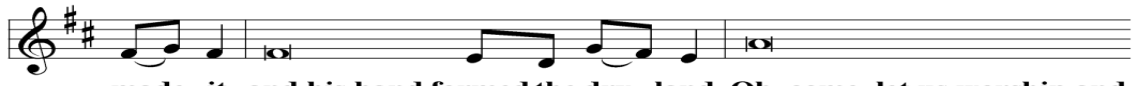
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



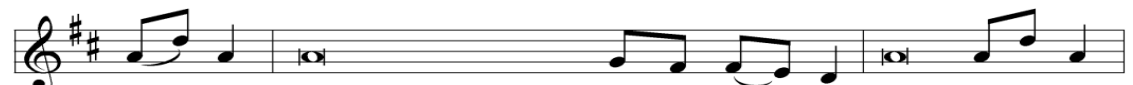
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



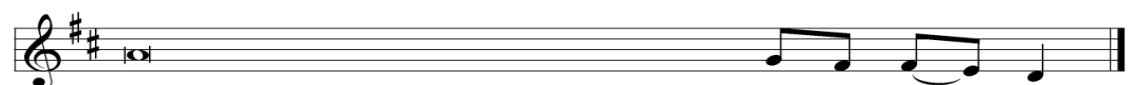
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

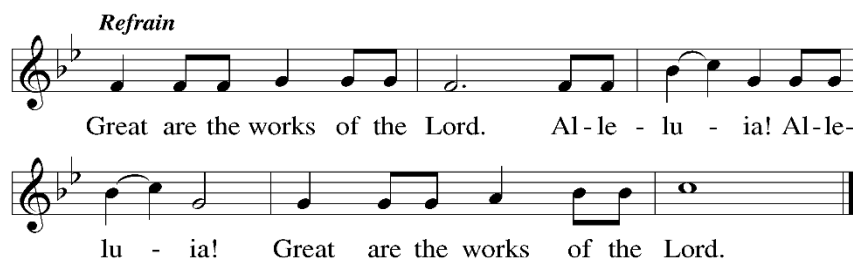
Daniel 7:13-14

¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed. (EHV)

PSALM 45


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Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



My heart is stirred by a noble theme*
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,*
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;*
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

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Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen. ⁷ Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

(EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

GOSPEL:

John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ “You are a king then?” Pilate asked. Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (EHV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 496*

“Glorious in Majesty”



1 Glo - ri - ous in maj - es - ty, Ho - ly in his
 2 Vic - to - ry he won for us, Free - ing us from
 3 One in love, as fam - i - ly, Liv - ing with each



prais - es, Je - sus, our Sav - ior and our King.
 dark - ness, Dy - ing and ris - ing from the dead.
 oth - er. Glad - ly we share each oth - er's pain.



Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all a -
 Liv - ing with the Fa - ther now, Yet he is a -
 Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is re -



dore him; Filled with his Spir - it, let us sing.
 mong us; We are the bod - y, he the head.
 turn - ing, Tak - ing us back with him to reign.

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Liv - ing is to love him, Serv - ing him to know his free - dom.



Come a - long with us to join the praise of Je - sus.



Come to Je - sus now; Go to live his Word, re - joic - ing.

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Tune: SHIBBOLET BASADEH (768 D with Refrain) Jewish folk melody.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: John 18:33-37

JESUS' KINGDOM IS THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



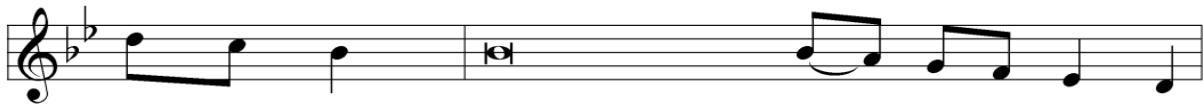
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



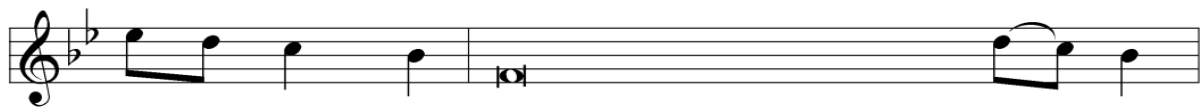
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



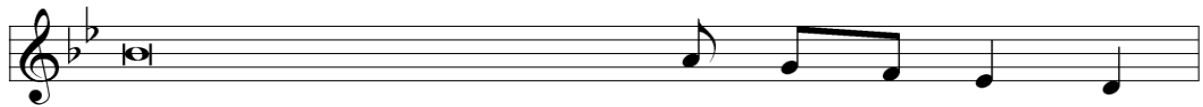
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of
 glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to
 set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the
 sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
 your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING: (Sunday Only) *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

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

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgement on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God

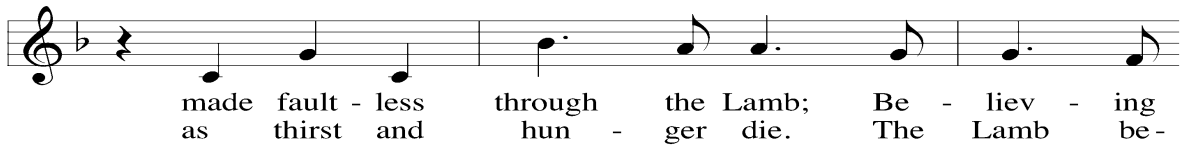
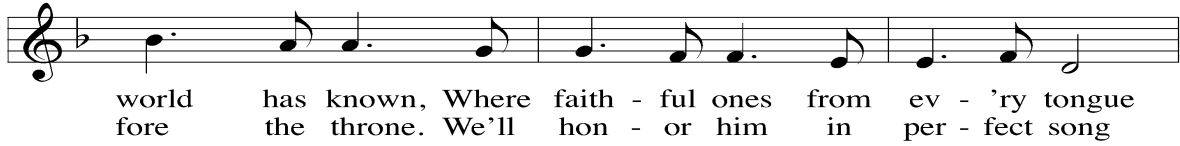
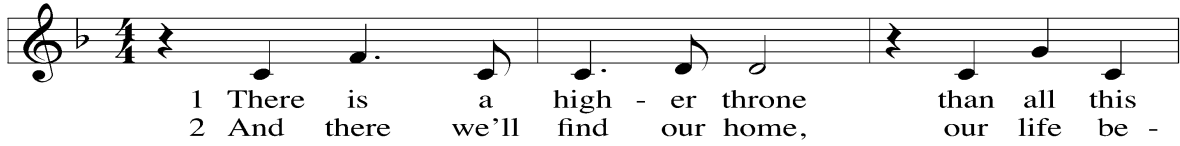
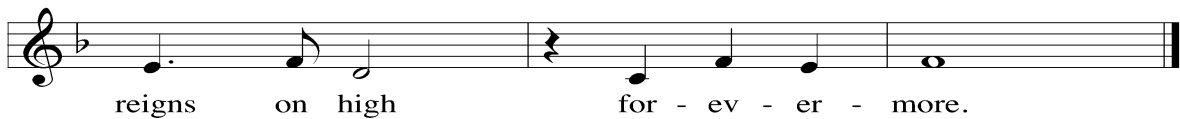
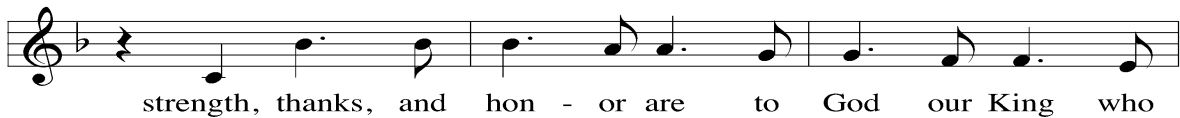
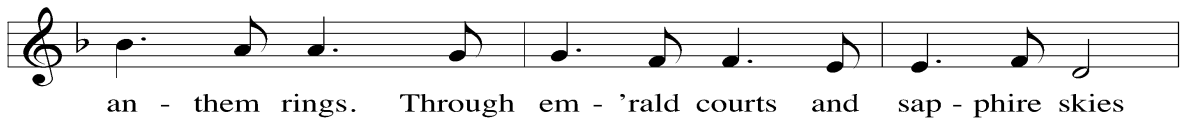


and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

There Is a Higher Throne

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul had a call meeting on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. They have extended a call to Pastor Eric Hansen. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

POINSETTIA SALES: All orders will have to be collected no later this **Sunday, November 24th**. We know it is early and the seasons are changing quickly but we have to start planning for the holidays. The order forms for purchasing poinsettia plants are located in both foyers. We are able to keep the cost the same as last year which is \$11 per plant. Please place orders on the office desk.

BAKE SALE: November 24th—Friends in Faith is having a Bake Sale after the church service on Sunday, November 24th. All proceeds are going to help purchase artificial lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA: December 1st, 2024. Our annual Advent Tea is fast approaching! All women are invited to come and enjoy an evening of Christian Fellowship and Music of the Season. There is a luncheon with tea. There is a sign-up in the West foyer. Hostesses are needed! Please call Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477 if you have any questions or would like to host.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS: All families are encouraged to join in celebrating Jesus' birth. **Saturday, December 7th from 9-11 a.m.** There will be a brunch, games, crafts and more. Please take a flyer from the back table for more information.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY: This year the sanctuary decorating is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7th at 11 a.m.** (right after Happy Birthday Jesus). There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer to let us know how many people we can plan on having here to decorate. Many hands make quick work. Please consider using your talents and time to come help make the sanctuary represent this wonderful time of the year.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING: We are planning another fun family event for **Saturday, December 14th at 10 a.m.** Bring a gingerbread kit and your decorations. Please see the back table for a flyer with more details.

PAULA'S HOUSE: Once again this year Zion Church and School is supporting the women and children who are staying at Paula's House. The giving tree is in the school hallway with gift tags. Please have the gift wrapped with only the tag from the tree on the package. Please have the gift returned to the school by Monday, December 16th. If you would like to come help us sort the gifts for delivery, we are planning on sorting Tuesday, December 17th after morning coffee at the Oasis (in the Zion gym). Thank you in advance for all the support.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

NEWS FROM MARTIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS presents “A Charlie Brown Christmas” – Tickets are now on sale for the MLS production of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” on Sat.-Sun., November 23-24. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. There will also be a Cookie Walk at both performances. Bring a couple dozen cookies to the Commons before the show, and fill a bucket of cookies to take home after the show. To purchase tickets, visit www.mlsem.org/fall-play.

MLS Christmas Concert – Join us at MLS on Friday, December 20th at 7 p.m. for our annual Christmas concert, “Worship Christ, the Newborn King.” The choirs and instrumentalists will share new and familiar carols that will surely enrich your Christmas celebration.

Coming up at Zion

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Friends in Faith Bake Sale
- Tuesday NO Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday Zion School/Office Closed for the holiday
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. First Advent Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Advent Tea

November Volunteers

	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3	Nov. 6 & 10	Nov. 13 & 17	Nov. 20 & 24	Nov. 28 & Dec.1
Altar Guild		Deb Sachs	& Ana Liparoto		
Live Stream Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Nov. 28 – Rob Krueger Dec. 1 – Ryan Roth
Ushers	<p><u>Oct. 30</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Nov. 6</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>Nov. 10</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>Nov. 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>Nov. 20</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>Nov. 24</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>Nov. 28</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Dec. 1</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>
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