

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 24-25, 2020

Reformation Sunday



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Ascended Lord, who as Word came to dwell among us, that we might know the love of the Father, lead us ever deeper into the Scriptures – under the blessed guidance of the Holy Spirit—that we learn again and again of the freedom from sin and the Law that Your Gospel has brought us, and that we increase more and more in the life lived to Your Glory through willing service to our fellowman; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE I WITH COMMUNION

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Three Hymns of Praise
(Zion Brass)

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Hymn

Thy Strong Word

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- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

Stand

- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

Remain standing

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

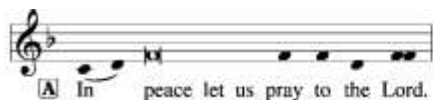
Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

- L** I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C **and shall not be put to shame.**
L I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
L My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C **let the humble hear and be glad.**
L Come, O children, listen to me;
C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**
L The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
C **none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**
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.
L I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C **and shall not be put to shame.**

Kyrie



[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.



[G] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



[G] Lord, have mer - cy.



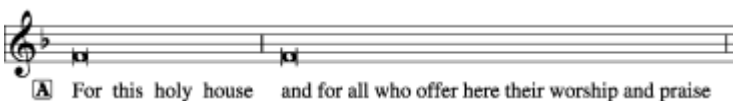
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



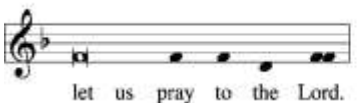
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



[G] Lord, have mer - cy.



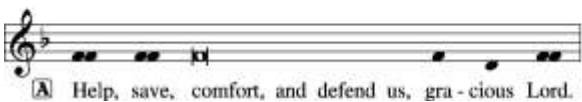
[A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



[G] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



[G] A - men.

Hymn of Praise--This Is the Feast

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Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Come Christians, Join to Sing
(Zion Brass)

Behnke/Peterson

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Remain standing

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might. Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Sermon

The Truth Will Set You Free

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away. O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word
To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they may remain Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy. O make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,
Lest we, Lord, You forsake. Let us by grace partake Of endless joy and gladness.

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Adult Confirmation *(Saturday night only)*

Prayer of the Church

P Since the beginning of time, O Lord, You have spoken to humanity.

C Even though people have sought to silence Your voice, You have pierced the vale of silence with Your powerful Word.

P Through Moses and the prophets You made Your will known among us.

C When Your messages were ignored, You miraculously embodied Your Word in the person of Jesus Christ.

P Again some tried to still Your voice by nailing Your Word to a cross,

C but You could not be silenced.

P You raised Your “Word made flesh” from the dead so that many have heard the message.

C We thank You, Lord, that we have heard the message through Christ.

P Many have been the heroes and saints who have, at great personal sacrifice, handed the Gospel on to us today.

C Many sacrificed their lives in the defense of Your truth and the Gospel.

P In spite of their efforts, however, human barriers have often curtailed the free distribution, teaching, and preaching of Your Word.

C Many times Your Word has been buried under the rubble of man-made laws and traditions.

P But You have always brought forth one of Your chosen servants to restore Your Word.

C For giving us such men to lead us out of spiritual darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel, we give You thanks.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Grant Ahner, Ezri Linnertz, Joyce Trout, Helen Sauerhage, and Ramona Witte, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

✠ Carolyn Rowold, as she recovers from a heart procedure.

✠ Pat Lange, as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

✠ Rhiannon Corey, as she recovers from surgery.

✠ Margie Sax, as she battles Covid.

✠ Zion’s Men’s Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.

✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

P Be with the lonely, comfort the sick, and bring the assurance of Your forgiveness to the penitent.

C We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Offering

OFFERING OPTIONS: While we are not passing the offering plate during the service at Zion, here are three ways to share your offering for the Lord's work: 1. Place your offering in the plates on the table in the narthex on your way in or out of church. 2. Mail your offering to the church office. 3. Use Zion's online giving program and make a donation through a PayPal account. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

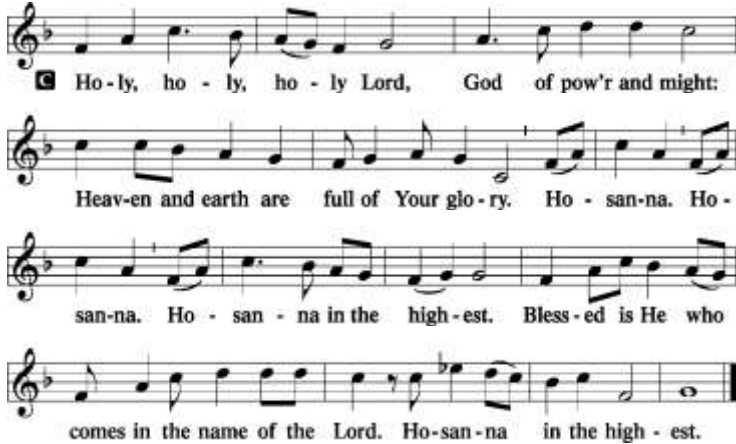


Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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The musical notation for Pax Domini consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. Below the staff is the text: **P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note G4. Below the staff is the text: **A** A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

The musical notation for Agnus Dei consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. Below the staff is the text: **A** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. Below the staff is the text: Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. Below the staff is the text: Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. Below the staff is the text: sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to members who will remain seated in the pews. When you receive the communion tray, please wait to commune until all trays are distributed. Pastor Clayton will then return to the front and invite the entire congregation to commune together at the same time saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Stand

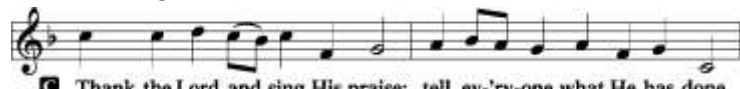
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle--Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C A - - men.

Sit

Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

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Postlude

Toccata on "Thy Strong Word"

Benjamin Culli

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



THANK YOU FROM THE CLAYTON FAMILY

Pastor Clayton and the entire Clayton family say THANK YOU for the very generous gift card we received for Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a joy to be among our church family. Thank you for all the words of support and encouragement you have given our family over the past year as well. This has been a very difficult year in the pastoral ministry. Online worship poses a challenge to pastoral care. While it may seem trivial, actually seeing members in church and greeting them before or after the service is a significant component of pastoral care. When your pastor physically sees you, he can also sense how you are doing, both in physical and spiritual health. When pastors are not able to see their parishioners, they have a more difficult time determining what spiritual care needs you have. We really appreciate the very generous gift card to Mascoutah Steakhouse, but here is another suggestion for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you have not been in worship in person for several months, perhaps because of health concerns or doctors' instructions, and have been joining in worship online instead of in person, think about a couple options. First, consider returning to in person worship. (Online worship is a poor substitute for face-to-face Christian fellowship, and is, at best, a short-term measure during times of pandemic.) If being together in person is not possible, then please consider contacting Pastor Clayton to let me know how you are doing. Let me know if you are using online resources from your congregation during this challenging time. Share with me the joys and frustrations you have faced. It is my fervent desire to provide Gospel-centered pastoral care for you and to share God's gifts with you. In order to help me provide that care, contact me. During this "Pastor Appreciation Month," help me care for you. Let me know how you are doing. I would appreciate hearing from you, especially those of you that I have not seen in person for seven months! Thank you for joining together as one in the body of Christ, and thank you again for the very kind and generous gift card you gave me and my family. In Christ, Pastor Clayton

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ON NOVEMBER 1st

As a church, we find great comfort in the hope of the resurrection, and we find peace in the knowledge that our loved ones who have died rest in the Lord's glory. Each year around All Saints Day, we give thanks to God for the wonderful, loving, faithful witness of those who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest with the Lord. If you have a loved one who has entered eternal rest this past year since last October 30, please pass that information on to the church office so we can include your loved one's name in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

DRIVE-UP COMMUNION TODAY

If you were not able to attend Divine Service in person at Zion on Saturday night or Sunday morning to receive Communion this weekend, please watch the full service on Facebook Live at 10:00 on Sunday morning, and then come to Zion to receive Drive-Up Communion in the parking lot. Pastor Clayton and the Elders will be available from 11:15 until noon to commune all those who drive up who were not able to attend the Divine Service in person this weekend. We look forward to seeing you and communing with you either in person on Saturday night and Sunday morning (for those who have made reservations) or in Drive-Up Communion for those who watched on FaceBook Live. Again, DRIVE-UP COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED from 11:15 until noon on Sunday, October 25th.

HELP CHARLOTTE PIVORAS CELEBRATE HER 95th BIRTHDAY

Charlotte Pivoras will be turning 95 years old on Sunday, November 1 (one week from now). Please send her a card or a letter to congratulate her on this wonderful gift from God, her 95th Birthday! Her new address is:
Charlotte Pivoras
781 Timber Ridge Trail
Rockford, IL 61114

EXCITING NEWS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – THE SHOEBOX PROJECT

This week we received exciting news: Jerry Phillips has offered to cover the shipping costs up to 100 shoeboxes! What a tremendous blessing this is for Zion and for the children all over the world who will be

receiving our shoeboxes! Have you filled a shoebox yet? Now that the shipping will be covered, perhaps you will consider packing multiple shoeboxes? Remember, shoeboxes are due at the church by Nov 15. If you need tips or ideas on what to include, the Samaritan's Purse website has wonderful resources: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>. If you have questions, please reach out to Zion's project leader, Kara Simon at ksimon619@gmail.com or 314-494-8616.

CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE ESTIMATES

Pastor Clayton and the Elders are pondering what Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services will look like at Zion, especially if we still have limited seating capacity in the sanctuary. We are trying to determine how many services to offer to make sure everyone has the opportunity to attend worship at Christmas. It is possible that the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be the same, to give another opportunity for everyone to attend. Adding a second Christmas Eve service is also a possibility. In order to make the best decisions for the congregation, we need to know approximately how many people would like to attend a service between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please notify the Church Office by November 8 with a rough estimate of how many people from your family will likely attend a service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS NOT A RESERVATION, JUST AN ESTIMATE. We just need rough numbers to gauge how many services to offer. Please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@zionmascoutah.org or call 618-566-7345 to share your estimate of Christmas attendees to help us get a feel for how to best provide God's Word for all who would like to come at Christmas. Please understand, plans may change between now and December regarding worship size and availability, and as with everything this year, we will need to be flexible and patient, but please notify the Church Office about your guesses as to Christmas attendance so we can plan as best we can. Thank you!

ENTRANCE/EXIT OPTIONS

With the ongoing uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, various members have various levels of comfort in public places. In response to this, the Elders are recommending an entry/exit suggestion. If you feel more comfortable with your health, and would like the chance to talk with Pastor and other church family after the service, we recommend that you park in the parking lot adjacent to the church (the west side) and enter and exit through the main double doors. If you are less comfortable with health and safety in light of the coronavirus, or if you simply would like to exit church more quickly without talking, we recommend that you park in the parking lot across the street from the church, beside the parsonage (the east side) and enter and exit through the single door by the stairway leading to the balcony. Either way, out of respect for your fellow worshipers who may have different health concerns or comfort levels about the virus, please wear your mask from when you enter the building on either side until you get to your pew and from when you leave your pew until you exit the building. Thank you!

70th ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER

Please join us for our 70th Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 25th from Noon – 6 PM at Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall, 219 McGaughey St., Worden, IL. Curbside carry-outs only are \$12. Liver, pork, and blood sausage, ribs, and backbones will be sold at the Parish Hall on Sunday beginning at noon.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

KFUE Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org, continue studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m.), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs and more on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

JOURNEYS TO CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANISM

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week we'll be hearing about the journeys to confessional Lutheranism

from former Atheists, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Calvinists and liberal Lutherans. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Bob Twenhafel, in memory of Jan.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Josh Makey
Lector: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Jenny Kneschke

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THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Reformation Day</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom	8:45 AM
	Sunday School on FaceBook	9:00 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Worship DS II n/communion	7:00 PM
Sun.	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom	8:45 AM
	Sunday School on FaceBook	9:00 AM
	Worship DS II n/communion	10:00 AM