

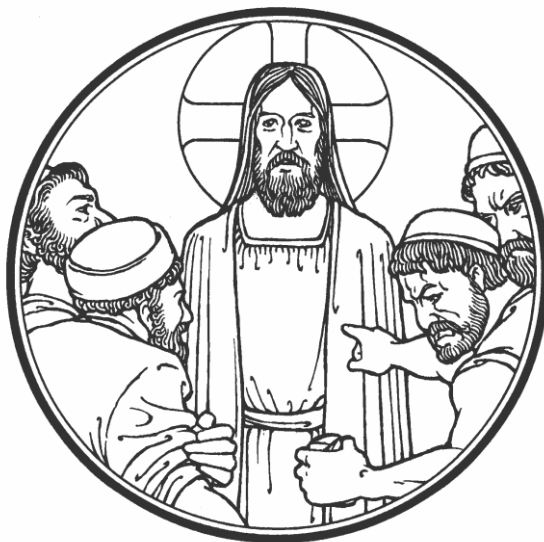
Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 20-21, 2021

Judica

“Vindicate Me, O God”



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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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.

Prayer to Begin Worship

God, whom I love, enable us by faith to pierce all adversity to see beyond and through it Your constant love for us in Christ Jesus, that in all that hurts or deceives us we are sustained and strengthened through Jesus Christ, our Friend and Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Prelude

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

arr. John Behnke

Hymn

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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Stand

Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



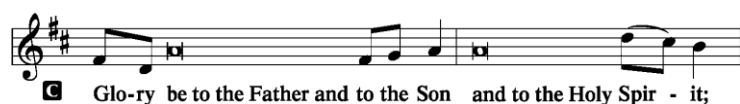
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

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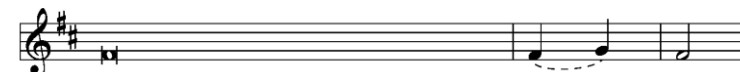
Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



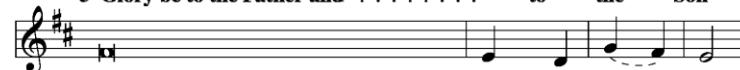
O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

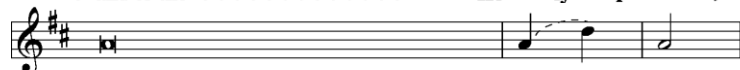
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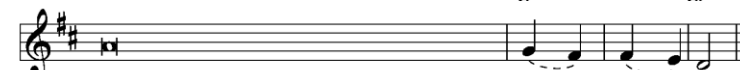
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



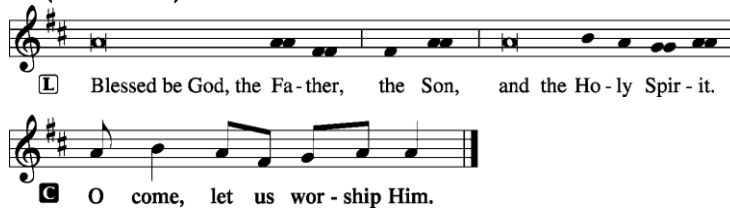
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

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Psalm

Ps. 43:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1–2a

- P** Vindicate me, O God,
C and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
P from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
C For You are the God in whom I take refuge.
P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
C and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.
P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
C Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.
P Vindicate me, O God,
C and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
P from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
C For You are the God in whom I take refuge.
 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.

Sit

Hymn

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, "God is love."
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;
- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.

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First Reading

Genesis 22:1–14

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Chime Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Jason Krug

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11–15

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

John 8:42–59

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone

keeps My word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Common Responsory

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V 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I That for my sake
 My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
 But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
 But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
 Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
 Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He To suffering goes
 That He His foes From thence might free.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!

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Sermon

Foolish Logic

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!

Canticle

Stand

Te Deum

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1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

Te Deum continues on the next page.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227

☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Gracious Lord, Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we Your chosen ones in Christ Jesus, bring to You our sacrifice of prayer and praise.

C For not rebuking us in Your anger or chastening us in Your wrath, we give You thanks.

P For hearing our supplications and accepting our prayers,

C we adore Your most holy name.

P As Abraham passed the test when You challenged him to offer up his only son,

C so grant us the strength of faith to be willing to sacrifice our beloved possessions for the interests of Your kingdom.

P Yours are the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

C May we always be ready for the unknown hour when You come to receive us into Your kingdom of glory.

P Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may keep us steadfast in the Christian faith.

C In every trial and temptation may nothing separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus.

P Help us to be more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Julie Benner, Dick Bogue, and Kyrielle Corey, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

✠ Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.

✠ Faithfulness in support of world missions.

P While we wait for the fulfillment of Your promises regarding Your kingdom, grant Your continual blessing to our nation and the nations of the earth.

C Give us peace in our time that Your Gospel may have free course to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

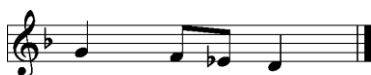
C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

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Postlude

"Little" Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



EASTER SCHEDULE—NEW EASTER MORNING SERVICE ADDED

In hope and expectation of a large turnout for Easter Sunday morning, the Elders are proposing that we add an additional Sunday morning service for Easter, April 4, at 7:00 AM. The proposed Holy Week and Easter schedule is:

Maundy Thursday—April 1—7:00 PM—Divine Service with Communion

Good Friday—April 2—7:00 PM—“Chief Service” without Communion

Holy Saturday—April 3—7:00 PM—Easter Vigil with Communion

Easter Morning—April 4—7:00 AM—Easter Service with Communion

Easter Morning—April 4—8:30 AM—Confirmation Class and Adult Bible Class

Easter Morning—April 4—10:00 AM—Easter Service with Communion

The two Easter morning services will be the same, but the Saturday night Vigil service will be different from the Sunday morning services. The Vigil is also an Easter service, but starts in darkness and progresses to light. Both of the Sunday morning services will be the usual Divine Service format. Due to the added service on Easter morning, we will not be offering Drive-Through Communion on Easter morning. You may begin contacting the Church Office to request seats for the Holy Week and Easter services. Please specify whether you would like the 7:00 AM or the 10:00 AM service for Easter morning. Thank you.

VOTERS MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 13

The Spring Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this meeting. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL; THANKS TO MANY!

The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who ordered meals, gave extra donations, donated cookies, and all those who worked at the fundraiser for a very successful event! We are so grateful to be able to support our seminarian and do other mission work because of your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MASCOUTAH SENIOR CENTER

The Mascoutah Senior Center is looking for volunteers for drivers, sub-drivers, help in the kitchen assembling meals, and office help answering the phone. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 618-566-8758.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL “DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST”

Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville is offering a “Drive-thru breakfast” on Sunday, March 21st from 8 AM until noon. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the event. Advance tickets are available from ILS students or at the school office. Each carry-out breakfast includes: 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, scrambled eggs, 2 biscuits with gravy, condiments, and cutlery. Pick up instructions: Line starts on S. Hanover (coming from the high school) and enters Sycamore, follows around the block behind ILS and enters the ILS circle drive. Stop at the ticket table in front of Wee Care, then proceed to the pick-up station in front of the ILS doors. For more information or questions call (618)243-6142.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family, in celebration of Taylor Crismon's 7th birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer:	Sem. Josh Makey
Lector:	Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month:	Randy Schorfheide

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kirk Clayton
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THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 27-28

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kirk Clayton
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Lector:	Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild:	Mary Kay Krausz & Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month:	Randy Schorfheide

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class on Zoom	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom	8:45 AM
	Sunday School on FaceBook	9:00 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	Fifth Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Worship DS I w/communion	7:00 PM
Sun.	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	Confirmation Class on Zoom	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
	Drive-thru communion	11:15 - noon