

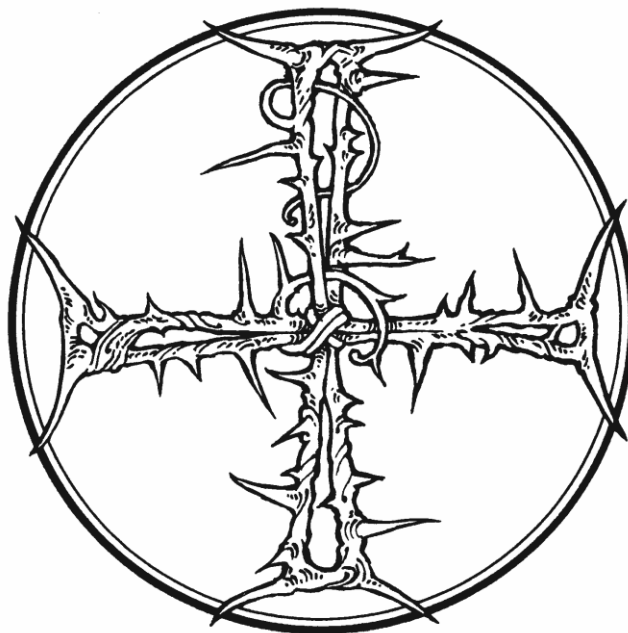
Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 6-7, 2021

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"My Eyes Are Ever Toward The Lord"



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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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 with Absolution

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.

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. 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15–16

L My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

L Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C for I am lonely and afflicted.

L To You, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

L O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

L The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

C bring me out of my distresses.

L Consider my affliction and my trouble,

C and forgive all my sins.

L Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

C Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

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 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

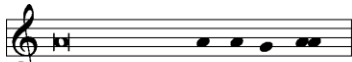
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Kyrie

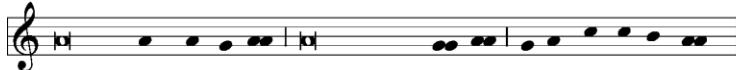
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



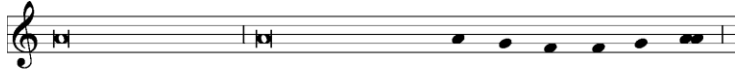
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



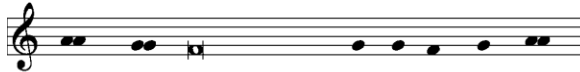
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise is omitted for Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- 1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.**
- 2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.**
- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.**
- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.**
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.**

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1–15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the

LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Lloyd Larson

(Zion Brass)

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

L My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

C Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

L In You our fathers trusted;

C they trusted, and You delivered them.

L To You they cried and were rescued;

C in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

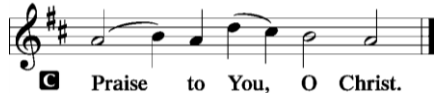
L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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- 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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Sermon

Division of the House

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

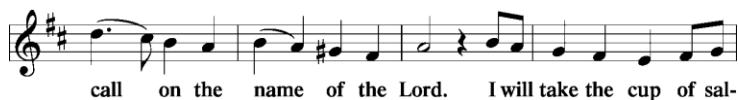
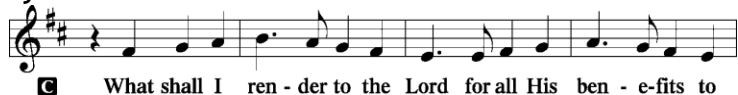
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

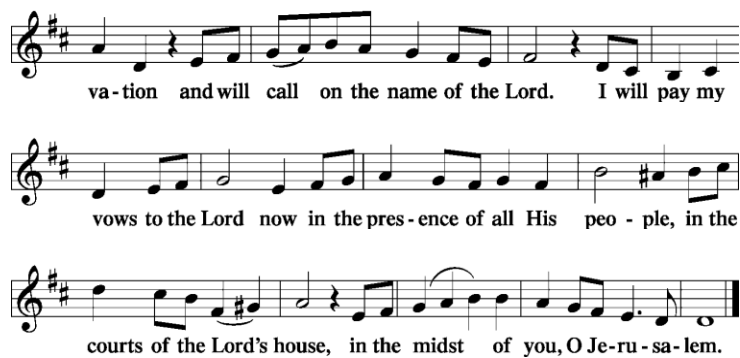
Offering

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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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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** In awe and wonder we appear before You, Lord God heavenly Father.
- C** **Your judgments are unsearchable and Your ways inscrutable.**
- P** We cannot understand why You chose the Israelites to be Your people.
- C** **Nor can we comprehend why You should be concerned about us, miserable offenders.**
- P** But we praise You for Your mercy and grace to the fallen children of men.
- C** **Accept our thanks for Your love, which reaches down from heaven and gives us salvation in Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** We confess, O Lord, that we have not always clearly identified Jesus Christ as Your Son.
- C** **The way we have used and not used the Office of the Keys leaves much to be desired.**
- P** We have not always shown the rocklike faith that should characterize those to whom You have given this power.
- C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to give us good judgment in the affairs of Your kingdom.**

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Norman Rowold, Amy Kolweier, Jessica Pettis, and Carolyn Overmyer, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Zion's Elders, Board of Education, Sunday School staff, and Evangelism Committee.
- ✠ Faithfulness in our lives as Christian Stewards.

- P** Enable us to forgive as we have been forgiven, and bless us with Your continual presence.
- C** **This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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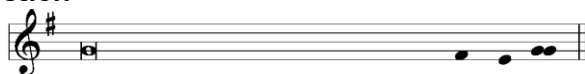
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

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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 **H** give you peace.



Sit

Hymn

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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- 1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God's Word, the weapon glorious;
Against all foes be thus victorious, For God protects you from them all.
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel.
Hail the Savior! The strong foes yield
To Christ, our shield, And we, the victors, hold the field.**
- 2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasure And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.
Be steadfast in the Savior's might. Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,
For Jesus from all harm will hide you. By faith you conquer in the fight.
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal!
Joy awaits you. The race well run,
Your long war won, Your crown shines splendid as the sun.**
- 3 Wisely fight, for time is fleeting; The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short is this our earthly way. When the Lord the dead will waken
And sinners all by fear are shaken, The saints with joy will greet that day.
Praise God, our triumph's sure. We need not long endure
Scorn and trial. Our Savior King
His own will bring To that great glory which we sing.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



NEW PROPERTY CLEANUP DAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 13th

On Saturday, March 13th, starting at 8:00 am we will be cleaning up the new property. Help is needed to remove unwanted items from the house and garage. There are still items available that were in the house. Any items not spoken for by Saturday, March 13th will be put in the dumpster. Saturday would be a great time to find an item that you could use and repurpose for a free will donation to the church.

LWML FUNDRAISER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Crown Potatoes, Salad, and Dessert. Adults: \$10, Kids 5-10: \$5. Please contact the church office by noon on Friday, March 12th, or contact Lita at 618-806-2617, by Sunday, March 14th (last day to order). Drive-up, pick-up only from 5-6:30 PM, south side gym door. This Fundraiser is for the Ladies Aid Seminarian. We need your support on this project.

PICK UP A LENT DEVOTION TODAY!

Lent devotions, written and produced by Higher Things, are available on the table in the narthex today. Please pick up a copy and use it with your family through the penitential season of Lent.

HELP COLLECT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

Zion's Ladies Aid has decided to assemble Personal Care Kits for round-the-world relief during disasters, etc., and we invite ALL of ZION to help us. This project will take place in February – March and involves purchasing only FIVE items! See info sheets on table in narthex; you can put your items in the marked box. There is a detailed description about the program in the ECHO.

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.

PEACEFUL LIFE AFFIRMING PRAYER VIGIL

Your SID Advocates for Life Team invites our Lutheran churches, youth groups, schools and organizations to attend a peaceful, life affirming prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10 AM to 11 AM. A prayer service will be led by District pastors. Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we pray for unborn babies, their mothers and fathers, Planned Parenthood employees, and our government. As always, we pray for an end to abortion and for all to be saved by the mercy of Jesus Christ. We will meet at the Planned Parenthood facility at 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, IL, 62208. Park in the Tucker-Allen Building parking lot next to the Planned Parenthood facility. Covid-19 guidelines will be observed. For more information, contact Monica Shannon, the SID District Life Coordinator at sidlcmslife@gmail.com.

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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 Mark & Mary Kay Krausz, in honor of March birthdays.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
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Lector: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
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Elder of the Month: Randy Schorfheide

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 13-14

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Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & 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 DS II n/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	Evangelism Committee	7:00 PM
Wed.	Third Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Zion Work Day (new property clean-up)	
	Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Worship DS III w/communion	7:00 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class on Zoom	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom	8:45 AM
	Sunday School on FaceBook	9:00 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
	Drive-thru communion	11:15 - noon