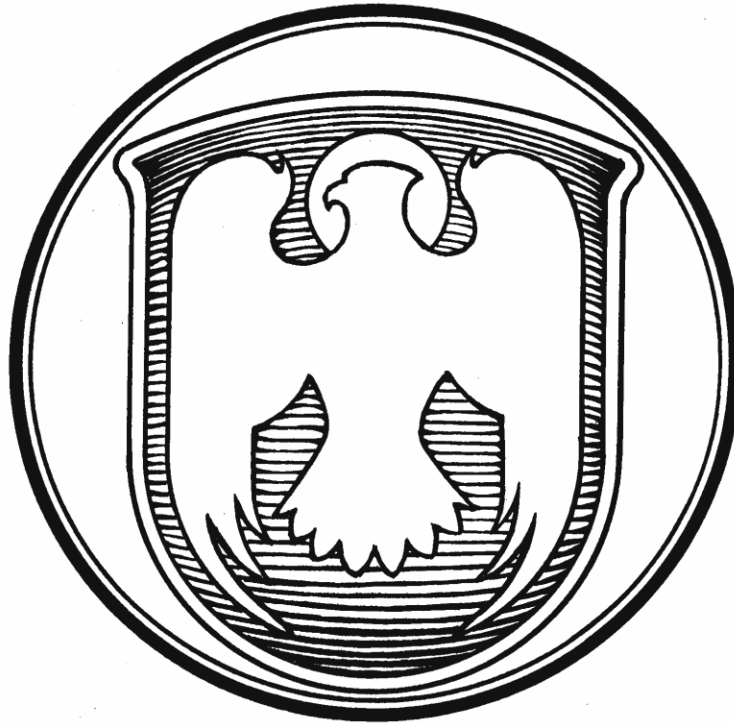


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

August 28-29, 2021

The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist



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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Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, to whom is assigned the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the election of people to the Kingdom of Grace, receive our thanksgiving for our faith and hope, through which by Your counsel and work we have committed our whole future to our gracious God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

LSB Divine Service Setting IV With Communion (p. 203)

Confession and Absolution

Prelude The Son of God Goes Forth to War arr. Gordon Young

Hymn The Son of God Goes Forth to War *LSB 661*

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe, Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below—He follows in His train.

- 2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his master in the sky And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who follows in his train?

- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant’s brandished steel, The lion’s gory mane;
They bowed their necks their death to feel—Who follows in their train?

- 4 A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior’s throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav’n Through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv’n To follow in their train!

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Stand

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

Invocation

- ☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
☩ Amen.

Exhortation

- ☩ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

LSB 203

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

L In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C in Your righteousness deliver me.

L For You are my rock and my fortress;

C and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.

L Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

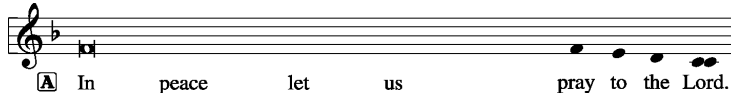
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Kyrie

LSB 204



A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 6:9–11

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before You will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music

As The Deer (Lisa Wehmeyer, soloist)

arr. Fettke

Epistle

Romans 6:1–5

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Sit

Hymn

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.
- 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

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Sermon

Speak the Truth!

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Standing with the great multitude of saints and martyrs before the throne of God and the Lamb, let us join in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God who brings salvation even in the face of persecution and martyrdom.

P Mighty and eternal God, we remember before You the saints and martyrs of every generation, who, like St. John the Baptist, trusted in You in the face of difficulty and even death. Grant that when facing persecution and trial in our own day, we may be steadfast in faith. Deliver those whom You have washed in Baptism, granting the new life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, You established the Church and have granted her Your aid and protection through these many years. Continue to pour out upon us Your Spirit and grace, that we may accomplish Your bidding and proclaim Your saving name to every corner of the earth, especially where our brothers and sisters in Christ are facing active persecution and martyrdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, we give You thanks for the faithful pastors who have spoken to us Your Word and the church workers who have served us in Your name. Grant that we may continue to receive their ministry of Word and Sacrament with willing ears and open hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, we beg Your grace that our lives may be ordered by Your commands, and we ask You to bless those who govern us in Your name. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor, the legislature and all local officials, that pursuing the path of justice they may act with humility and honor for the good of all people here and around the world, including the unborn, the elderly and infirm, and those who face threats because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, we rejoice that You have rescued us from the power of death and raised us in Christ to dwell with Him in everlasting life. Give to those who face death and those who grieve the comfort of the promise of the resurrection of the dead and eternal life, and bestow Your peace upon the dying, that they may fall asleep here and awaken in Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, show forth Your kindness to the poor and Your compassion to those who suffer injustice. Deliver us and all Your people around the world from the scourge of racism and prejudice, and help us to acknowledge our common life from Your creative power and our common redemption in Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, we are unworthy of all Your blessings and do not deserve the mercies new every morning of our earthly lives. Give us the will and desire to care responsibly for all that You have entrusted to us and to be generous with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty and eternal God, Your Son has set His table among us in the presence of our enemies, giving us a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Prepare us in heart and mind to come to this Sacrament and receive the blessing of His body and blood for our benefit. Deliver us from divisions that prevent our communion together, and bring us soon to the day when we will be fully united in doctrine and life to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Amy Lin, Parker Roehrig, and Dawn Corey, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ For all who are persecuted and facing martyrdom for their Christian faith, especially Christians in Afghanistan.
- ✠ All officers, board members, and committee members of Zion.
- ✠ Faithfulness in reception of Word and Sacraments.

P Mighty and eternal God, bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Knowing You now by faith, we yearn for the day when we shall know You face to face. Until the dawn of that eternal day, keep us firm and unshakeable in Your faith through our Good Shepherd and Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

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!

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 (Saturday night only). 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 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Stand

- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Sit

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn continues on the next page.

**7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Stand

**8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Sit

Hymn

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.**
- 3 That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.**
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.**
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."**
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!**
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.**
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.**

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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.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

Sit

Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671

(Tune of Ode to Joy)

- 1** Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 2 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
 Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
 God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
 Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.**
- 3 **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
 Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
 Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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Postlude

Ode to Joy

arr. Albert Travis

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – AUGUST 29

The Sunday School lesson for this week focuses on the story of “The Saints in Heaven.” The saints in heaven praise God for His power and glory and wisdom. God, who is all powerful, loving, and wise, will answer our prayers, as He has promised. Parents could discuss, “*Where do we sing praises to God like the saints in heaven?*” “*How are the words of our songs of praise similar to theirs?*”

SEPTEMBER ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The September Echo is now available. Pick one up in the narthex today!

READING SUMMARIES FOR THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

“*Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!*” (Rom. 6:1–2). John preached the Law boldly against Herod’s adultery with Herodias. Choosing human honor over honesty, Herod served up John’s head on a platter to pacify Herodias’ conscience without the contrition and repentance of Baptism (Mark 6:17–28). So John was “*slain for the word of God and for the witness [he] had borne*” (Rev. 6:9). John is Christ’s forerunner also in death; other fellow servants and brothers continue to be martyrs (witnesses) of Christ to this day (Rev. 6:11). Their deaths are “*precious in the sight of the Lord*” (Ps. 116:15) and so also to us, who celebrate even a beheading. Such is the confidence of the baptized! “*Buried therefore with him by baptism into death,*” we believe “*we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his*” also (Rom. 6:4–5). United to Christ, the Church’s Head, John can be confident that He will be reunited to His own at the Last Day. Even John isn’t really the forerunner, because Jesus has gone before us all: out of the tomb alive, the firstborn of those who sleep!

NEW YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES--PARENT ORIENTATION

All parents of students who are in 5-8th Grades and will be in Confirmation Class this year, please attend a Parent Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 5 during the Bible Class hour. We will share thoughts about the extreme importance of parental involvement in a child’s spiritual development, including in Confirmation Class, and we will have schedules for the coming year for both the 5-6th Grade Class, who will be using the “Bible Overview” curriculum for the year, and for the 7-8th Grade Class, who will be exploring The Ten Commandments and The Apostle’s Creed this year. All parents, please join in this session, which will be held

in the Sanctuary. (Adult Bible Class for Sunday, September 5 will be held in the Conference Room in the Church Office.) The first day of Confirmation Classes will be Sunday, September 12.

ADDITION TO MAKEYS' ADDRESS

Seminarian Josh and Sarah Makey are now at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Washington IL. If you would like to write them a note, their home address is 1005 E. Adams St, **Apartment A**, Washington IL 61571.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY—SEPTEMBER 12th

Sunday School would like to invite all children PreK-4th grade for RALLY DAY 2021 - Walking with Jesus! We will meet in the sanctuary at **8:45am on September 12th**. The RALLY DAY offering will be our last opportunity to donate to the NLOMA Summer Mission. Parents are asked to fill out their child's registration card when they drop their child off in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING AND DEVOTION

Sunday School Teacher meeting and devotion will be on September 5 at 9:00am. All Little Lambs through 4th grade teachers are asked to join us in the 3rd/4th grade room for the meeting and devotion. We will have your materials for you at that time.

IT'S HARVEST TIME AGAIN

Check the harvest table in the narthex. Bring an extra vegetable or fruit from your garden. You can trade for another or buy the item with a donation to Concerned Christians (Mascoutah Food Pantry).

ITEMS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

The International Student Ministry at SIUE is in need of items for the incoming international students. They can only bring two suitcases, so they have many household needs. Please check the list below and see if you might have some of the items requested by the students. Contact Bessie Fick at Bessie.Fick@yahoo.com or call or text 515-230-9937. International Student Needs: Twin Mattresses, Box Springs, Bed Frames, Desk, Pots/Pans, Curtains, Ironing board and Iron, Lamp, Toaster, Coffee Maker, Shirt Hangers, 3 Bicycles, 2 Microwaves, 2 Rice Cookers, 2 Blenders, 2 Sets of Dishes, and 2 Vacuum Cleaners. Thank you!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

We will resume LifeLight Bible Study on September 13, 2021. Join us in the church basement at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings as we study John. This study will take place in two, 9-week sessions – the fall session will cover the first 11 chapters, with the final 10 chapters studied early next year. This study is part of the LifeLight series of in-depth studies of the Bible. LifeLight's goal is that, through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Call or text Lionel at 618-806-8993 to join or if you have questions.

RINGERS NEEDED!

Last year, we were blessed to hear beautiful chime music each month. As our hand chime ensemble enters its second year, we have space for three new members! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at about 8:15 PM, and we will play monthly at the Sunday service. Ringing chimes is easy, but basic music reading ability is helpful. Please contact Nancy Peterson (joshandnancyp@gmail.com or 618-973-8169) if you are interested in joining.

LADIES 9th ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

It is Well with My Soul! ...will be hosted by the women of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo on Saturday, September 11th. This hymn will be discussed and women of all ages and phases will connect with the concepts of rest, self-care, and connection, especially in the midst of the changes within the past 18 months. This refreshing and renewing morning will be held from 9-11 am and will include a delicious breakfast and beautiful music. They will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items and art/craft supplies for the Bi-County Backpack Program and Christian Friends of New Americans. Freewill donations accepted.

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Zion Preschool



PARENT'S morning out

Zion Preschool is excited to announce our new Parent's Morning Out Program for children ages 2-5. ***Your child does not need to be a Zion Preschool student to attend our PMO.***

PMO will meet twice a month on Fridays at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah. The PMO program emphasizes preschool play experiences and activities, as well as socialization skills and bible stories. We will also provide a snack and drink. There is no commitment with our PMO program. You can sign up for a few sessions or all sessions.

PMO is based on a first come, first serve basis.

If our program fills up, we will start a waiting list.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. twice a month on Fridays

(PMO dates are listed on the registration forms)

Cost: \$20 per child per session

Registration Fee: \$20 per child

For more information, you can contact the Zion Preschool office at 618-566-7345 and ask for Vikki Harms. You can also email any questions to zionpreschoolmascoutah@gmail.com.

Registration forms are available in the Zion Lutheran Church Office.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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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 Helen Sauerhage in memory of her husband, Chuck.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Don Stein
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 4-5

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Don Stein
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

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| Sun. | Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person | 8:45 AM |
| | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM |
| | Worship DS IV w/communion | 10:00 AM |
| Wed. | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 PM |
| | Hand Chime Rehearsal | 8:00 PM |
| Thurs, | Church Council | 7:00 PM |
| Fri. | Senior Meal Delivery | 10:30 AM |
| Sat. | Worship DS II n/communion | 7:00 PM |
| Sun. | Parent Orientation for Confirmation Class | 8:45 AM |
| | Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person | 8:45 AM |
| | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM |
| | Worship DS II n/communion | 10:00 AM |

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