

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
April 10, 2022
Palm 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 and electronic devices 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

Blessed Jesus, who for our sins suffered the terror of the Father's wrath and for our eternities endured the desolation of the Father's judgment, accept our gratitude and praise; Hosanna! Blessed be the Son of God who has redeemed us; Hosanna in the highest! Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 184

Confession and Absolution

Prelude An Wasserflüssen Babylon J.S. Bach

Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor LSB 442
(The children enter with palm branches during the singing of this hymn.)

**ref All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain**

**2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain**

**3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain**

**4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain**

**5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. Refrain**

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Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

- L** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
C **and give thanks to the LORD.**
L This is the gate of the LORD;
C **the righteous shall enter through it.**
L I thank You that You have answered me
C **and have become my salvation.**
L The stone that the builders rejected
C **has become the cornerstone.**
L This is the LORD's doing;
C **it is marvelous in our eyes.**
L This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L Save us, we pray, O LORD!
C **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
C **We bless You from the house of the LORD.**
L The LORD is God,
C **and He has made His light to shine upon us.**
L Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
C **up to the horns of the altar!**
L You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
C **You are my God; I will extol You.**
L Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Gloria Patri

☒ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

☒ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis Is Omitted for Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
- ☒ **And with thy spirit.**
- ☐ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Choir

The Palms

Faure

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
- C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- L** He will cover you with His pinions,
- C** and under His wings you will find refuge.
- L** When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
- C** I will be with him in trouble.
- L** With long life I will satisfy him
- C** and show him My salvation.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

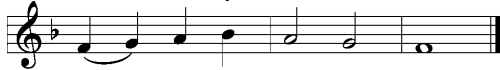
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Sermon

Palm Trees or Olive Trees?

Hymn

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"
- 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
- 4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

P With loud hosannas we come before You, O Lord of hosts.

C We praise You for sending us Your Son as the King who came in Your name to establish peace between heaven and earth.

P We are thankful that He did not consider Himself too far above us to become true man.

C We deeply appreciate His fulfillment of the law, which we are unable to keep.

- P** We cannot adequately express our thanks that Christ took our punishment upon Himself by dying on the cross.
- C** Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have not always been faithful to our calling as Your chosen people.
- P** The deeds of our lives have often not matched the confession of our lips.
- C** We have often broken communications with You by neglecting prayer, by failing to study Your Word, and by irregular attendance at Your Table.
- P** Because we know, O Lord, that You are merciful,
- C** we dare to come before You, begging forgiveness.
- P** May the assurance of that forgiveness, which we receive through Your Word and sacraments,
- C** enable us to live lives of dedicated discipleship.
- P** Send us Your Holy Spirit to keep us on the path that leads to You.
- C** Help us to withstand the temptations of Satan, the world, and our flesh.
- P** Grant us grace to live to Your honor and glory
- C** so that our lives will reflect our eternal gratitude for the salvation You won for us through Your life of perfect obedience and through Your sacrificial suffering and death.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Penelope Stein, Michelle Underwood, Tony Timmerman, Emily Jensen, Sue Kandler, Patrick Lange, Kara Simon, Lisa Weekley, Bailee Hollenkamp, and Pinky Ahner, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † Karen Phillips, as she has shoulder surgery tomorrow.
- † Safety and Peace in Ukraine.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

- P** Grant peace in our time and help us maintain it;
- C** we pray in the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

R It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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 195

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

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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

C

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

P 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 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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.

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.

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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Hymn

There Is a Redeemer

LSB 971

- 1 There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Refrain**
- ref Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. Refrain**
- 3 When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. Refrain**

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- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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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 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

G A - men.

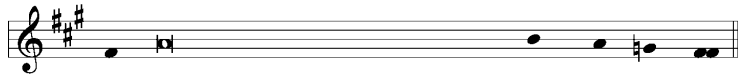
Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

- 1 **Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**
- 2 **From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**
- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

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Postlude

O Lord, We Praise Thee

arr. Jacob Weber

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – APRIL 10th

Today in Sunday School, students will study “Worship in the Tabernacle.” In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. *Ask students, “Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?”*

THANK YOU, BRASS PLAYERS!

Thank you to our brass players this morning. Josh and Leif Peterson, trumpets; Luke Lara and Bob Eldridge, trombones; and Nathaniel Clayton, baritone.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

During Holy Week the Church remembers the greatest outpouring of God's love and grace as we walk with Jesus through the events leading up to His crucifixion, and then celebrate His glorious resurrection. Here is a schedule of services for the coming week. Please make plans to attend each service to receive God's outpouring of grace and blessings in the Word and Sacraments.

Wednesday, April 13--No meal, no service

Thursday, April 14--Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 15--Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 16--Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 17--Easter Sunday Divine Service, 10:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you at Zion!

EASTER & CONFIRMATION CARDS AVAILABLE

Easter and Confirmation cards are available in the narthex for the low price of 50¢ each.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As Zion gradually works toward a return to pre-Covid practices in church, the Elders have discussed and approved a slight change to Communion distribution starting in April. Instead of receiving the Body of Christ from the individual cups, we will now return to receiving the Body of Christ placed directly into the communicant's hands. (Pastor will sanitize his hands before Communion distribution to make this process as sanitary as possible.) This will also make the work of the Altar Guild much easier as they set up for Communion. Thank you for your patience and understanding with all the changes we have faced in the last two years, and the various adjustments yet to come.

EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED BY MEN'S CLUB

Zion's Men's Club will serve an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 17 from 8:00-9:30 AM. The meal will be held in the gym. The menu will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, and more. Come enjoy this meal, and this time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Zion. (Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Bible Class will continue to meet at their regularly scheduled times on Easter Sunday, so come to breakfast early to make it to class on time.)

YOUTH CONFIRMATION APRIL 24th

Zion will rejoice to celebrate Youth Confirmation Sunday on April 24, 2022, during the 10:00 AM Divine Service. We have four youth being confirmed this year: Abigail Clayton, Bjorn Peterson, Mia Simon, and Makena Suedmeyer. We look forward to welcoming these dedicated, faithful youth into full communicant membership in the congregation.

CONFIRMATION INVITATION

Dear Church Family, I invite you to join me on April 24 after church in the basement to celebrate my confirmation with a meal and fellowship. Abigail Clayton

NEW CROSS IN NARTHEX

You may have noticed a new cross hanging in Zion's narthex next to the clock. This cross was made by Pastor Love from wood taken from the chancel of the old church building and was purchased at a Zion auction by Chuck Sauerhage. Helen Sauerhage has now donated this cross back to Zion. We rejoice to have this cross from the old church building to remind us of the timelessness of Christ's sacrifice for us and of the eternal nature of His love.

NEW MEMBERS AT ZION

Zion is blessed to receive several new members by Adult Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith. Frank and Jenn Jeffries and Tom and Lee Hinton and their families were received into membership at Zion on Sunday, April 3, and Jacob Gibbs will be baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 16. Please give a warm welcome to these brothers and sisters in Christ and find ways to support and encourage them as part of the family of faith at Zion.

ZION HELPING HANDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our team of "Helping Hands" needs a few more volunteers. Can you give an hour or two on occasion to help a member of our church? You may be asked to provide transportation to church or to a medical appointment. Perhaps take a member shopping or help with light housekeeping. If interested, please contact Lesley Eads (618) 623-2360, Jordan Rehfeldt (618) 980-8475, or Linda Hoskins (618) 210-6987. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

ZION VBS 2022 - GOD'S WONDER LAB

When: June 13–17 from 6–8 pm. Who: Children ages 3–11 years old.
Please join us for a fascinating science lab that will help explain how things are possible with God. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us in God's Wonder Lab. Please invite your friends and families! Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/ZionMascoutahVBS/23280> Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Marsha Baro at mkrausz11@gmail.com or 618.558.5913. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

MISSING BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST AT ZION? INVITE THEM!

We can all think of brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have not seen at Zion since the Covid lockdowns began two years ago. Every member missing from our family of faith is a source of sorrow as we long to be all together as one in God's family. If you remember friends and family members who have been missing due to Covid, please invite them to come back to rejoin the family of faith at Zion. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

LANSDOWNE WORKDAY IN EAST ST. LOUIS - APRIL 23rd

This summer, we have the opportunity "to do good and show mercy," by engaging in mission work in the neighborhood of Lansdowne, East St. Louis, IL., with LCI's "Neighborhood Work Day" on Saturday, April 23rd. Unity Lutheran Church and LCI in partnership Lutheran Churches across the Southern Illinois District, (SID) will be working collaboratively to conduct a "Work Day for the clean-up and renovation of properties in close proximity to Unity Lutheran Church and Unity School. Through this initiative, we seek to care for our neighbors' bodily needs and share Christ's love with them; to do good and show mercy! To learn more about the various ways that you can participate and/or contribute to this project with your gifts, time, and talents, please contact Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth, Sr. Pastor from Unity, and LCI's CEO, at (314) 724-9949 or (618) 874-6600.

IMMANUEL TO HOST WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT – ALREADY WON!

The event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9-11 AM. It will be held at the church, located at 522 S. Church Street in Waterloo, Illinois. This refreshing and renewing morning will include a delicious breakfast and beautiful music in addition to Lisa Clark's inspirational message. Please call 618-939-6480 or visit immanuelwaterloo.org/women for more information or to preregister. While preregistrations are appreciated, walk-ins are always welcome! Donations of non-perishable food items will be welcomed for the Bi-County Backpack Program and Christian Friends of New Americans.

GIRLS CONFERENCE – MAY 1st

All 6th – 12th grade girls are invited to register for this incredible day of worship, experience stations, and dinner at the Girls Conference in Troy, IL! Sue Bustler is speaking. Harvest will be leading worship and the day is a reminder that true beauty comes from the heart. Moms, grandmas, or female student ministry leaders are welcome to attend too! The conference will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 3-7 PM at 407 Edwardsville Rd., Troy, IL. For more info and to register go to www.girlsconference.net.

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TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR HOLY WEEK...

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's teachings include: Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Events of Holy Week; The Holy Week Hymns "The Royal Banners Forward Go" and "Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle;" The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lectors: Sem. Don Stein & Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Proclaimer: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Lectors: Rev. Kirk Clayton & Sem. Don Stein
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Proclaimer: Sem. Don Stein
Lectors: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lectors: Sem. Don Stein & Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Sharon Weier
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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

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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 LaVonne Stangle, in memory of Roland Kniepkamp's birthday.

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>Echo Deadline</i>	
Tues.	Evangelism Committee	7:00 PM
Wed.	No Choir or Hand Chime Rehearsal	
	No Lenten Meal/No Service	
Thurs.	No Preschool	
	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM
Fri.	No Preschool	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM
Sat.	Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 PM
Sun.	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 – 9:30 AM
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE APRIL 3: Sunday: 156

Adult Bible Class: 21 High School: 4 Sunday School: 47

ATTENDANCE APRIL 6: Wednesday: 57