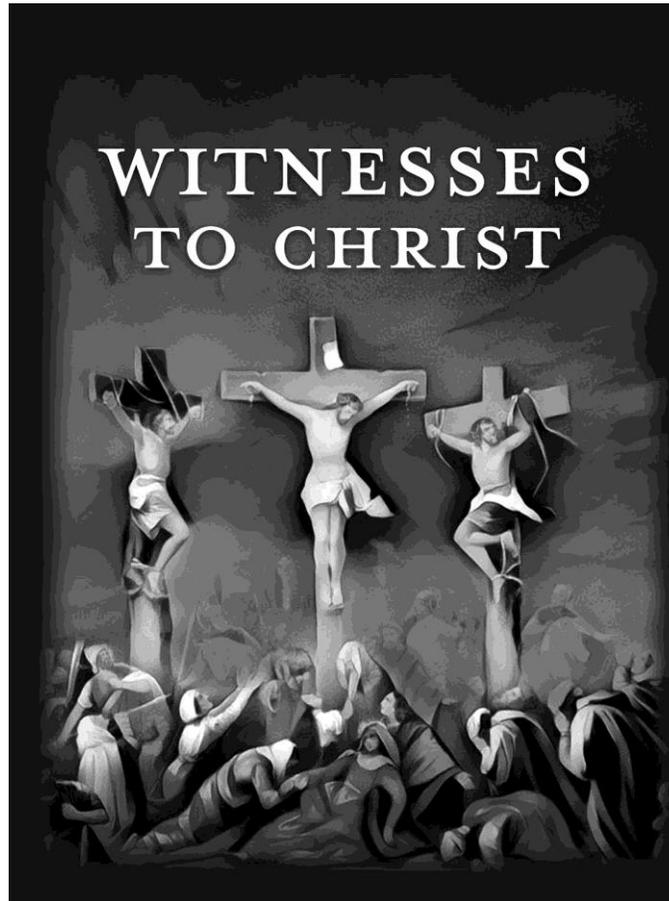


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

April 6, 2022

5th Lent Midweek Service



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 evening 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.

Vespers

Hymn

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1** Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2** Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3** Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4** They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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Stand

Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



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



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 57

- L** Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
C for in You my soul takes refuge;
L in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge,
C till the storms of destruction pass by.
L I cry out to God Most High,
C to God who fulfills His purpose for me.
L He will send from heaven and save me;
C He will put to shame him who tramples on me.
L God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness!
C My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—
L the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
C whose tongues are sharp swords.
L Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
C Let Your glory be over all the earth!
L They set a net for my steps;
C my soul was bowed down.
L They dug a pit in my way,
C but they have fallen into it themselves.
L My heart is steadfast, O God,
C my heart is steadfast!
L I will sing and make melody!
C Awake, my glory!
L Awake, O harp and lyre!
C I will awake the dawn!
L I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
C I will sing praises to You among the nations.
L For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
C Your faithfulness to the clouds.
L Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
C Let Your glory be over all the earth!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Zechariah 9:11-12

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.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:15-18

Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

John 18:33-40

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

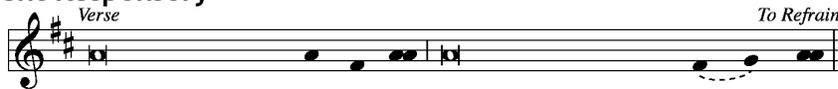
After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Lent Responsoy

LSB 231



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

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Sermon

Witness to Christ: Barabbas

Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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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!

Stand

Canticle

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231

L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

LSB 248

C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For — He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

Magnificat continues on the next page.

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Prayer

Litany

LSB 249

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God!

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

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect For the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

C Amen.

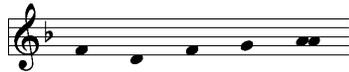
Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



L The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



G A - men.

Sit

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.**
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



LENT SUPPER

Lenten meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM.

April 6: Men's Club; Taco Bar

April 13: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

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!

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.

LENT ROUND ROBIN PREACHING SCHEDULE

This year for Lent Midweek services, Zion will be participating in a "Round Robin" series with several other SID congregations. That means that we will have a different preacher each week, and Pastor Clayton will be preaching at other area congregations instead of being at Zion for several Midweek services. Here are the topics and preachers for the Lenten Midweek services this year, under the general theme of "Witnesses to Christ."

April 14—(Maundy Thurs.)—Judas Iscariot—Sem. Moellenhoff

April 15—(Good Fri.)—John the Evangelist—Sem. Stein

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.

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 EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY

The Board of Ed is excited to announce there will be fellowship together with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Story this Saturday, April 9th from 9:00am-11:00am. The egg hunt will be divided into three age groups, including 0-2, 3-5, 6+. In addition to hunting eggs, the Easter Story will be shared for all participants! We are requesting an RSVP, so we know we have enough eggs for all participants. All RSVPs

will be made to Amanda Ganey at (618)789-3157. There will be a sign-up in the Narthex for church members, and information will be sent home through Vikki Harms for our preschool families. The BOE will need help on Saturday, April 9th, so if you are interested, please call Amanda Ganey at (618) 789-3157. We look forward to celebrating the many blessings received through our Savior, Jesus!

EASTER CARDS AVAILABLE

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

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.

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

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| Wed. | Lenten Meal | 5:30-6:30 PM |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 PM |
| | Fifth Lent Midweek Service | 7:00 PM |
| | Hand Chime Rehearsal | 8:00 PM |
| Thurs. | Church Council | 7:00 PM |
| Fri. | Senior Meal Delivery | 10:30 AM |
| 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 |