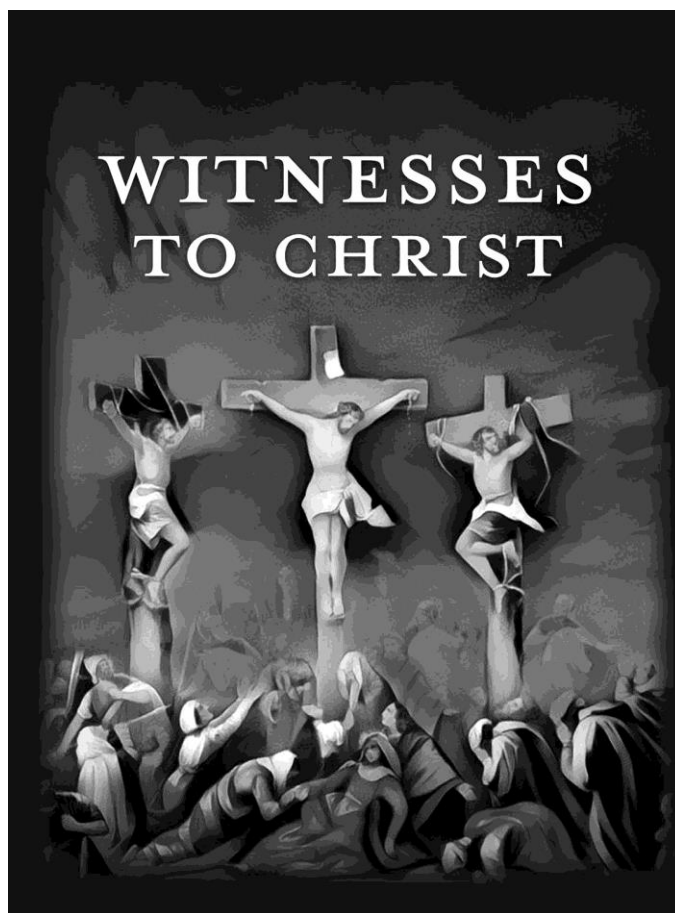


# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 2, 2022

*Ash Wednesday*



*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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*The mood of the Ash Wednesday service is one of penitence and reflection. For this reason, worshippers enter in silence. There is no pre-service music, greeting, or opening hymn. All are invited to ponder their sins silently until the service begins.*

*Stand*

## Litany for Ash Wednesday

**L** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Silence for reflection*

**L** O Lord,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** Hear us.

**L** God the Father in heaven,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** Have mercy.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;

By Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;

By Your agony and bloody sweat;

By Your cross and Passion;

By Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;

And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**L** In all time of our tribulation;

In all time of our prosperity;

In the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**C** To hear us, O Lord.

**L** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;

To bless our prayer and meditation;

To strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;

To give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To draw all to Yourself;

To bless those who are instructed in the faith;

To watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;

To give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;

And to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To turn our hearts to You;

To turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C We implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C Have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C Have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C Grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Christ,

**C Hear us.**

**L** O Lord,

**C Have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C Have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**C Have mercy. Amen.**

**L** Let us pray. O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

### 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 Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 51:1–19*

- P** Have mercy on me, O God,  
**C** according to Your steadfast love;  
**P** according to Your abundant mercy  
**C** blot out my transgressions.  
**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**C** and cleanse me from my sin!  
**P** For I know my transgressions,  
**C** and my sin is ever before me.  
**P** Against You, You only, have I sinned  
**C** and done what is evil in Your sight,  
**P** so that You may be justified in Your words  
**C** and blameless in Your judgment.  
**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**C** and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
**P** Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,  
**C** and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
**P** Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**C** let the bones that You have broken rejoice.  
**P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**P** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
**C** and sinners will return to You.  
**P** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
**C** O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.  
**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
**C** You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.  
**P** Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure;  
**C** build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will You delight in right sacrifices,  
**P** in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
**C** then bulls will be offered on Your altar.  
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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to Me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and He relents over disaster.  
Who knows whether He will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind Him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?  
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.  
Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.  
Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare Your people, O LORD,  
and make not Your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”  
Then the LORD became jealous for His land  
and had pity on His people.  
The LORD answered and said to His people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Before the Throne of God Above

Vikki Cook

*(Josh Peterson, soloist)*

## Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as

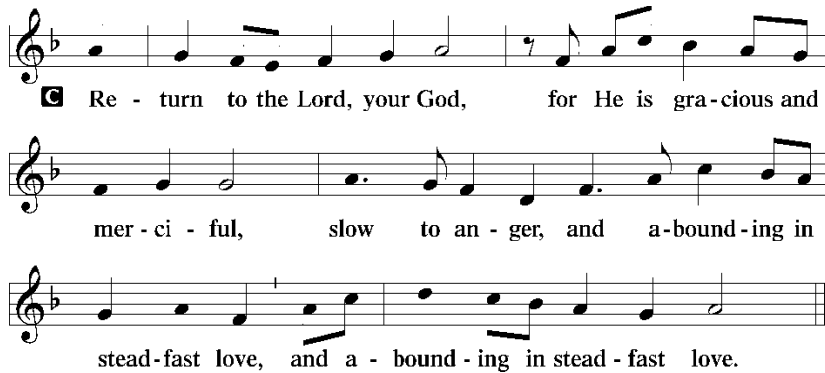
dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Verse for Lent



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*John 1:29-34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! “This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 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*

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain**

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## Sermon

## Witness to Christ: John the Baptist

## Hymn

## Lord Jesus, Think on Me

## LSB 610

**1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.**

**2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.**

**3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!**

**4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.**

**5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the\_ternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.**

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*Stand***Prayer of the Church**

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, we, Your unworthy people, do come to You this day acknowledging the great debt we owe for Your merciful kindness in giving to us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. In love, He suffered for our sins and died the death that was ours to die so that He might forgive us of our sins and raise us from death to everlasting life. Receive our thanks and praise for His one, all-sufficient sacrifice upon the cross and keep us in this faith and fear all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Preserve Your Word, O Lord, against error, and preserve among us the preaching of Your Word that we may be nurtured in faith, discern truth from falsehood, and remain steadfast in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word that through daily repentance we be kept in the promise of our Baptism and in the new life born of water and the Spirit. Give to Your Church pastors who will serve us faithfully in Your name with the Means of Grace. Raise up many church workers to fulfill the various callings and offices Your Church has appointed. Bless those preparing for Baptism and the catechumens being instructed in Your Word. Help us to shine with the brightness of Christ's light before the world and be ever ready to give answer to the hope within us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Bestow upon all the nations of the world the blessing of peace. End the threat of terrorism and quiet the hearts of those who foster hate and violence. Give to us good and faithful leaders, and especially do we pray for Joe Biden, our president, JB Pritzker, our governor, the Congress of these United States, our state legislature, and

all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lend Your aid to the cause of life and its protection from conception until its natural end. Bless the service men and women who defend us at home and abroad. Give us the will and desire to be good and faithful citizens and to daily pray for those in authority over us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Provide for those who suffer man-made or natural disasters and bless relief workers who come to their aid. Bless the fruits of the earth and our stewardship of all its resources for the good and benefit of all people. Bless all honest labor and industry, the arts and music, and all good works for Your glory. Be with the sick and those who suffer trouble, want, anguish, peril, or death, [especially. . .]. Give them courage under trial, patience to endure their afflictions without losing heart, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant to us Your Holy Spirit that we who come to our Lord's Table today may receive the body and blood of Christ in sincere repentance and with confident faith, recognizing Christ's presence in this Sacrament and rejoicing in the forgiveness of our sins and the nourishment of our faith. Help us so that what we have received upon our lips we keep in holy lives and live under Christ in His kingdom here until we live in His presence in everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive our bodies and souls and all our talents and skills, with the tithes and offerings we bring, in thanksgiving for all Your benefits in Christ. These and all things good and beneficial, we ask You to grant us in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C 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!*

## Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

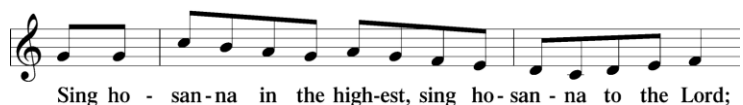
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

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**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

### 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 and Pax Domini

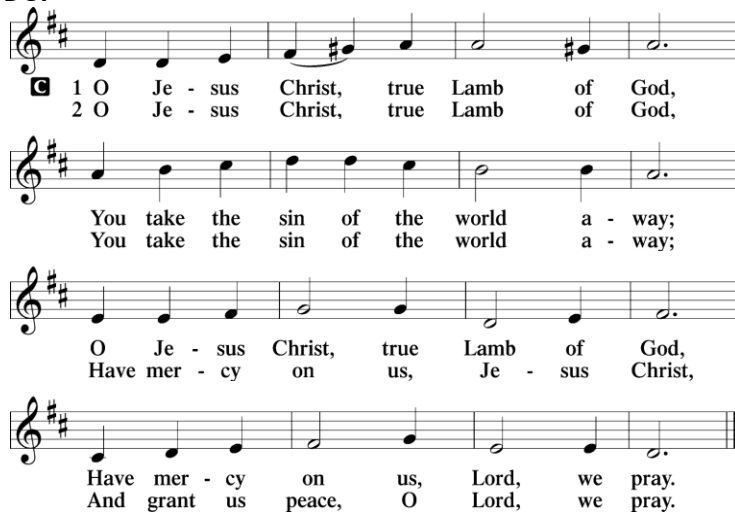
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**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  $\cdot\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



*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**

**The Lamb**

*LSB 547*

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain**
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain**
  - 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**
  - 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain**
  - 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain**

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*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**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 p. 211*

**C** 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 lead 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*

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

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS

Lent is here so it is time to sign up for Lenten Meals. 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. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up.

March 2: Ladies Aid

March 9:

March 16: Timmermans

March 23:

March 30:

April 6:

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

### MARCH ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

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

### LENT DEVOTIONS – NOW AVAILABLE

Lent devotions are now available on the table in the narthex.

### ZION TO BE MASK-OPTIONAL IN MARCH

Since mask mandates are lifting across the nation and in Illinois, Zion will be mask-optional as of the beginning of March. The Elders have discussed and approved this change. Those who feel more comfortable wearing masks and those who have health concerns are certainly welcome to continue to wear masks, but the decision will be left to each individual. We walk forward together in peace and love as we respect the choice of each individual in the congregation either to wear a mask or not at Zion. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### REFLECTIONS ON LIFE UNDER COVID

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, Zion plans to offer a "Service of Lament, Service of Hope" to observe the 2nd anniversary of the Covid lockdowns. We know that all have suffered much separation and loss due to these lockdowns, and we need time to grieve for what we have missed. However, we also recognize that the Lord is

with us, and we trust that He will continue to provide for us and cause His will to be done among us, which gives us hope. We would like to invite any and all members of the congregation to write down and share memories about the last two years of the lockdowns, both in terms of what we mourn, and where we find hope in the Lord. While we will not be able to share all of these memories and thoughts during the service, we hope to publish and provide a booklet of these collected thoughts from our members so we can share in each other's sorrows, carry each other's burdens, and live together in hope. Please send written recollections to Pastor Clayton by email at [pastor@zionmascoutah.org](mailto:pastor@zionmascoutah.org) or submit them in writing to the church office.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lectors: Sem. Don Stein & Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Altar Guild: Shirley Braeutigam & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Randy Schorfheide

### **THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

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### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	Imposition of Ashes	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	SS & Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II n/communion	10:00 AM