

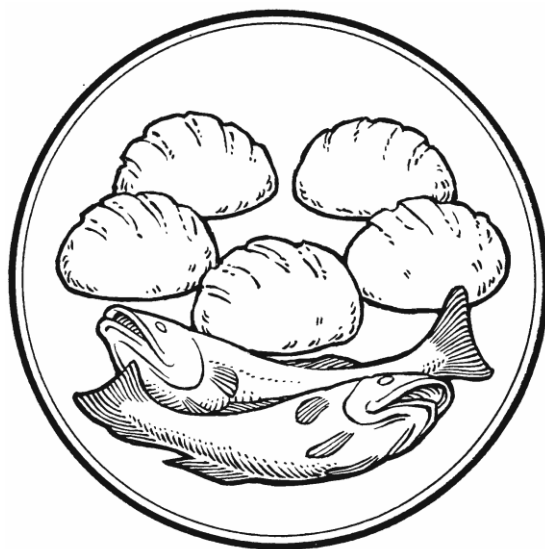
Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 27, 2022

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“Rejoice”



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a

L Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

C all you who love her;

L that you may nurse and be satisfied

C from her consoling breast.

L I was glad when they said to me,

C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

L Our feet have been standing

C within your gates, O Jerusalem!

L Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C May they be secure who love you!

L For my brothers and companions' sake

C I will say, “Peace be within you!”

L Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

C all you who love her;

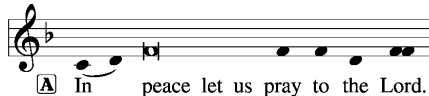
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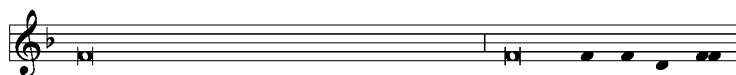
C from her consoling breast.

**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.**

Kyrie

LSB 152





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



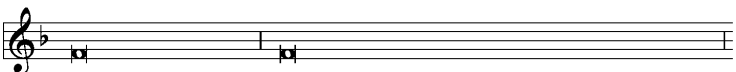
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



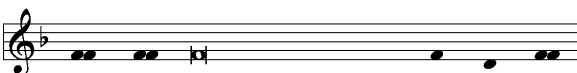
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



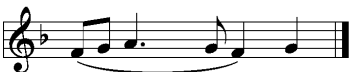
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise is Omitted for Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You

in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–21

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

arr. Angerman

Epistle

Galatians 4:21–31

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

L Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

C which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

L As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people,

C from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.**

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unailing To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

Stand

- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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Sit

Sermon

Give and Take

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** We extol You, O God, and bless Your name forever.
- C** **You are great, O Lord, and Your greatness is unsearchable.**
- P** You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, enduring through all generations.**
- P** Our good intentions, O Lord, to do everything that You would have us do, often fall short of achievement.
- C** **We have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.**
- P** We have not always spoken the truth in love, nor have we always dealt with one another in lowliness, patience, and forbearance.
- C** **Even though it is Your desire that we maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,**
- P** we have often disturbed the peace and presented to the world a picture of disunity.
- C** **For these violations of Your precepts, forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** With the aid of Your Holy Spirit, help us to show others how You provide the essentials for our physical life as well as our spiritual life.
- C** **As You fed thousands with a few barley loaves and a few fish,**
- P** help us to believe that You will provide for our necessities.
- C** **Keep us from worrying about earthly bread, and help us seek the Bread of Life.**
- P** Keep us mindful of the needs of others, and help us to share our abundance.
- C** **Grant stability to the weather that the world's crops may be planted in due season.**
- P** May there be peace and harmony among the nations so that the channels of communication and transport remain open.
- C** **and bless the hearts of those who hear it.**

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Abigail Clayton, Christian Drinnon, Cary Robinson, Jon Robinson, and Zachary Lorton, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Peace in Ukraine.
- ✠ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- P** Bless the efforts of Your Church in helping those in need.
- C** **According to Your will, grant our requests in Jesus' name. 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 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160



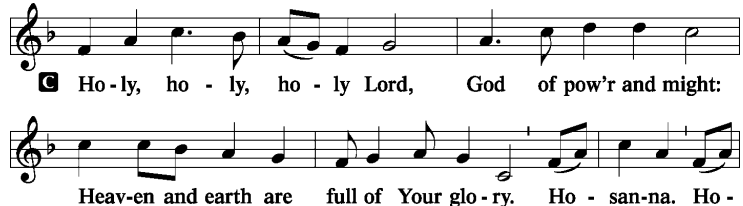
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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 163

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

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

Eat This Bread

LSB 638

**ref Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Come to Him and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain**
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. Refrain**
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain**

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Hymn

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

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Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of 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.

Post-Communion Canticle -- Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



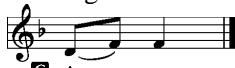
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

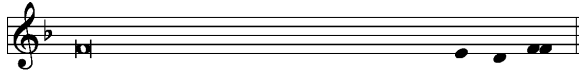
- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166



- 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 A - men.

Sit

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Hildebrand

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – MARCH 27th

“God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail” is the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Consider discussing, “How does sin cause us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have?” Talk about Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst.

COVID REFLECTION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Several members of Zion gave of their time and writing talents to share "Reflections of Life under Covid" for the "Service of Lament, Service of Hope" last Sunday. Many of the submissions are deeply moving, and hopefully you will recognize and read these efforts to give voice to our struggles the last two years. We are called to stand together and support each other in good times and in tough times. Please read these reflections, and through them ponder how we can better encourage and support one another in every situation. Copies of this booklet are available on the blue card table in the narthex, next to the collection plates and the Higher Things Lenten Devotions. If you have not read the booklet, pick up a copy today, and read through it.

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 30: Stein family; Soups

April 6: Men's Club; Taco Bar

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

CHURCH WORKDAY – THIS SATURDAY

There will be a church workday this Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 8 AM. Lunch will be provided.

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."

March 23—Peter—Pastor Sievers

March 30—Pontius Pilate—Pastor Keseman

April 6—Barrabbas—Pastor Clayton

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

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

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)

THRIVENT CHOICE FREE MONEY DEADLINE

Just a reminder, any of you with Thrivent assets that might have free money available to donate someplace, any money you were awarded in 2021, must be designated by March 31st. If you have any questions about this, please contact Glenda or Lionel.

CALLING ALL EASTER EGG FILLERS!!

The Board of Ed is asking for volunteers to fill our 3-5 and 6+ Easter Eggs for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at church on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00am-11:00am. We request all eggs be filled with **packaged** items. Please do not put loose candy in the eggs, like M&Ms or Skittles. Please place the filled bags of eggs back in the box in the Narthex. *All eggs are needed back by today, March 27th.*

ZION EASTER EGG HUNT

The Board of Ed is excited to announce there will be fellowship together with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Story on 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!

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! 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.

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Starting on March 6, Zion's Adult Bible Class will be working through an overview of all of St. Paul's Epistles. Each class will begin with a 5-10 minute video illustrating the major themes of each Epistle, and then Sem. Stein and Sem. Moellenhoff will guide the class to explore and discuss the overarching themes of each book in a bit more detail. Most weeks will cover an entire book in one session. This series will run through May 2022. If you have not come to Adult Bible Class before, this series will be a great opportunity to learn about general themes covered in about half of the New Testament, written by St. Paul. Adult Bible Class meets in the fellowship room of the church basement from 8:45-9:45 on Sunday mornings.

YOU WANT 80 OF WHAT???

You will be seeing lots of info this year about the 80th birthday of the LWML, which Zion's Ladies Aid is part of. Every TWO MONTHS, as part of this celebration, we are choosing to collect "at least" 80 of specific items. We invite YOU to help us in this activity. Mar/Apr we will be collecting any baby items, such as baby food, wipes, diapers, clothing, etc. There will be a collection box in the narthex for these items. Keep watching for future collections. Thanks in advance!!

LAUDAMUS SPRING 2022 CONCERT TOUR – APRIL 3rd

Laudamus, a select choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Please join us next Sunday, April 3 at 4 PM at Hope Lutheran Church in St. Louis. For more info go to csl.edu/laudamus or call 614-505-7118.

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.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Study Repentance in the Augsburg Confession Article XIII on Concord Matters (4/2 at 10:00 a.m.), study Luke 19-20 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/30 at 11:00 a.m., and study Psalm 129-131 and Psalm 19-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE...

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: Human Tyranny vs. Christian Freedom; The Movie "Nightmare Alley;" The Gradual; Peter & Cornelius 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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family, in celebration of Taylor Crismon's 8th birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman & Karen Eldridge
Elder of the Month: Randy Schorfheide

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Proclaimer: Rev. Bruce Keseman
Lector: Sem. Don Stein
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Randy Schorfheide

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 3

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

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	SS & Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Fourth Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Elders Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Church Workday	8:00 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	SS & Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II n/communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE MARCH 20: Sunday: 120
Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 4 Sunday School: 35

ATTENDANCE MARCH 23: Wednesday: 59