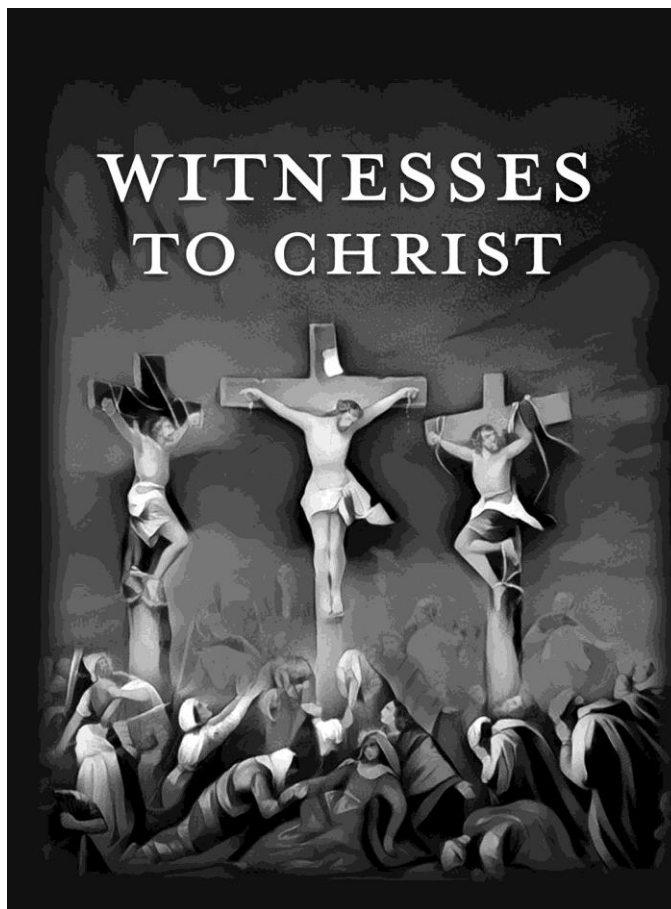


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 30, 2022

4th 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

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.**
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.**

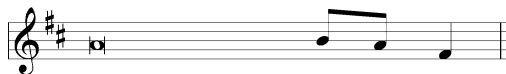
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Stand

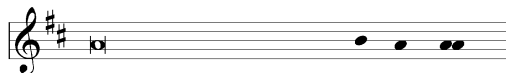
Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



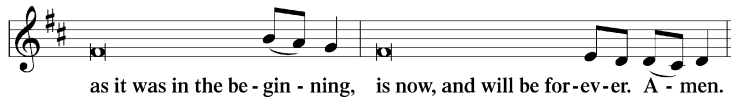
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



Responsive Reading

Psalm 109:1-7, 20-31

- L** Be not silent, O God of my praise! For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me,
C speaking against me with lying tongues.
L They encircle me with words of hate,
C and attack me without cause.
L In return for my love they accuse me,
C but I give myself to prayer.
L So they reward me evil for good,
C and hatred for my love.
L Appoint a wicked man against him;
C let an accuser stand at his right hand.
L When he is tried, let him come forth guilty;
C let his prayer be counted as sin!
L May this be the reward of my accusers from the LORD,
C of those who speak evil against my life!
L But You, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for Your name's sake;
C because Your steadfast love is good, deliver me!
L For I am poor and needy,
C and my heart is stricken within me.
L I am gone like a shadow at evening;
C I am shaken off like a locust.
L My knees are weak through fasting;
C My body has become gaunt, with no fat.
L I am an object of scorn to my accusers;
C when they see me, they wag their heads.
L Help me, O LORD my God!
C Save me according to Your steadfast love!
L Let them know that this is Your hand;
C You, O LORD, have done it!
L Let them curse, but You will bless!
C They arise and are put to shame, but Your servant will be glad!
L May my accusers be clothed with dishonor;
C may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!
L With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD;
C I will praise Him in the midst of the throng.
L For He stands at the right hand of the needy,
C to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.
 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

Ezekiel 11:17-21

Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.' And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as Your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

John 19:1-16

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, "You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this Man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Lent Responsory

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

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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Sermon

Witness to Christ: Pontius Pilate

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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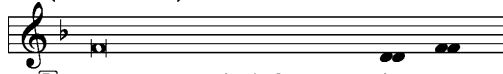
OFFERING OPTIONS: While we are not passing the offering plate during the service at Zion, here are three ways to share your offering for the Lord's work: 1. Place your offering in the plates on the table in the narthex on your way in or out of church. 2. Mail your offering to the church office. 3. Use 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,



G and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

LSB 248



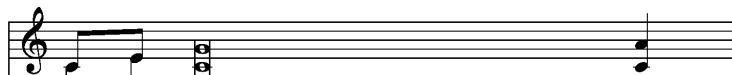
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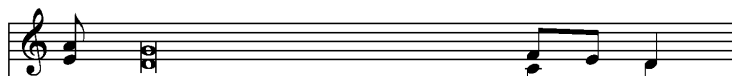
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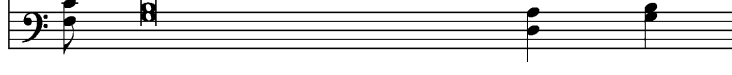
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



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;



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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

L 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.

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

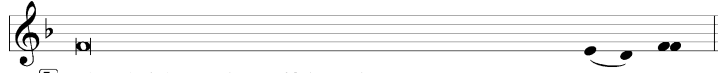


L Let us bless the Lord.



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

Create in Me

LSB 956

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



PICK UP A LENT DEVOTION TODAY!

Lent devotions, written and produced by Higher Things, are available on the table in the narthex today. Please pick up a copy and use it with your family through the penitential season of Lent.

LENT SUPPERS

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. 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.

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 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

CHURCH WORKDAY – THIS SATURDAY

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

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.

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!

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 this 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.

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.

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!!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, 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

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	7:00 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/comunion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM