

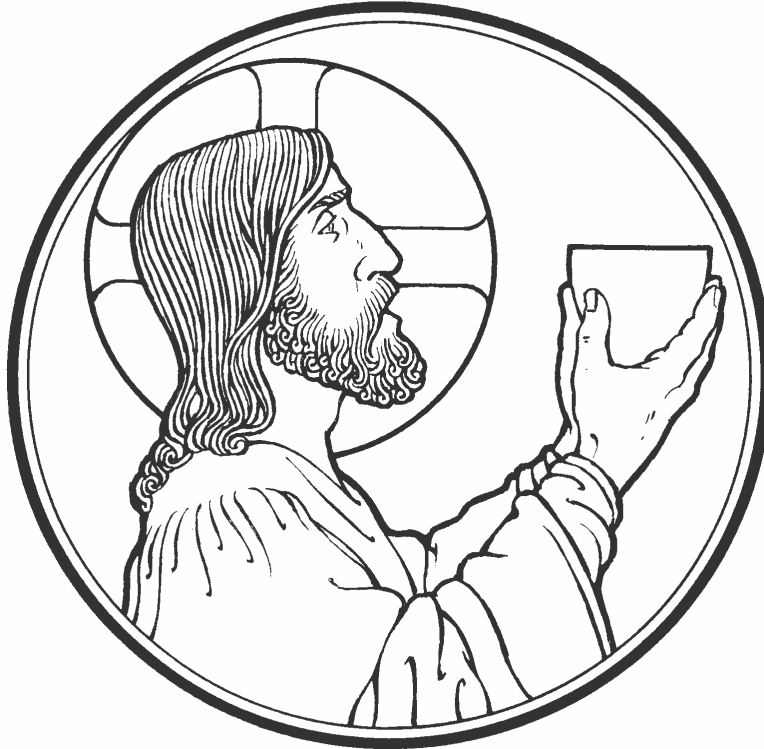
# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

April 14, 2022

*Maundy Thursday*

WELCOME



*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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# Maundy Thursday

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** **to God my exceeding joy.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

**P** During this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Stand*

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

**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** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** **Yes.**

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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- 1** Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2** Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3** Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4** Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

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### Introit

**L** God forbid that I should boast,

**C** **Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**L** In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead.

**C** By Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

**L** God be merciful to us and bless us,

**C** And cause His face to shine upon us.

**L** That Your way may be known on earth,

**C** Your salvation among all nations.

**L** Let the peoples praise You, O God,

**C** Let all the peoples praise You.

**L** God, our own God, shall bless us.

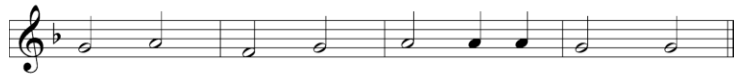
**C** God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

## Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**L** Let us pray.

O Lord, who left to us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, grant we implore You that we so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption continually may be manifest in us; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 13:21-30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission

of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

LSB 572

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered— Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment: Only God can cover sin,  
As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam— Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners, Host, who spreads this meal divine,  
Here You pledge our sins are covered, Pledge received in bread and wine:  
“Take and eat; this is My body, Given on the cross for you.  
Take and drink; this cup of blessing Is My blood poured out for you.”
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven Known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union, Lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever Flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden, Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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Sermon

Witness to Christ: Judas Iscariot

Hymn

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us? How vast beyond all measure?  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss? The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

- 3. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Almighty God, in the Passover You used the blood of a sacrificial lamb marked on the doorposts of Your people's houses to spare the lives of those faithful to You, and You called for the observance of the Passover to be a lasting remembrance of Your grace and salvation. Remind us always of Your goodness toward us also, O Lord, and open our eyes to see how Jesus, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. As we are marked by the blood of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, so bring us from death in sin to life forevermore in Your great love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** On this night when we remember how Jesus gave us His Holy Supper and allowed Himself to be betrayed so we can be saved, let us pray for ourselves, for Christ's Church, and for the world. Holy Lord, since Your Son taught us that as often as we eat His bread and drink His cup, we proclaim His death until He comes, use every such proclamation of Christ to turn those without faith to trust in the Passover Lamb who offered Himself for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, as Your Son washed His disciples' feet and then offered Himself in service by going to the cross, give us humble hearts that are ready always to serve our families, our friends, our communities, and even our enemies, caring for everyone in Your name and using our lives to do Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood; He has redeemed us and inaugurated Your new covenant. Teach us to examine ourselves, so that confessing our sins, we come in repentance to receive our Savior's body and blood. By those gifts that You place in our mouths at this altar, give us Christ's forgiveness and renew us in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, we remorsefully confess that we are prone to stray. Guard and defend each of us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful inclinations. Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and keep us as Your own until You bring us to feast with angels, archangels, and all Your saints at Your heavenly table. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, confident of the mercy that You show to us because of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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!*

## Offertory

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

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

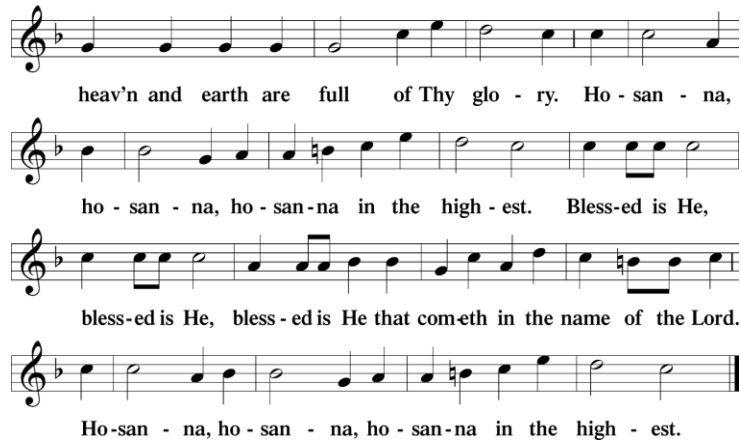
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB p. 195

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





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**C**



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
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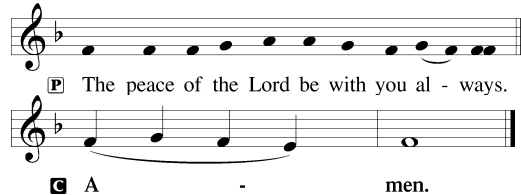
**The Words of Our Lord**

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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**

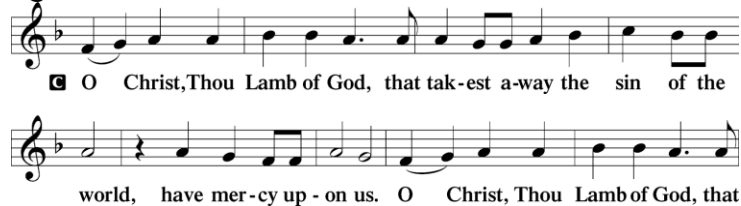
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

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**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.*

*Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

Hymn

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Hymn

**Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

LSB 637

- 1 **Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**  
*Hymn continues on the next page.*
- 2 **He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3 **Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

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Hymn

**The Gifts Christ Freely Gives**

LSB 602

- 1 **The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.**
- 2 **The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.**
- 3 **The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.**
- 4 **The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.**
- 5 **The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.**
- 6 **All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!**

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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 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.

## Stripping of the Altar

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the paraments are removed, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.*

### Psalm 22

**P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

**C** Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

**L** O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,

**C** And by night, but I find no rest.

**P** Yet You are holy,

**C** Enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**L** In You our fathers trusted,

**C** They trusted, and You delivered them.

**P** To You they cried and were rescued;

**C** In You they trusted and were not put to shame.

**L** But I am a worm and not a man,

**C** Scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

**P** All who see Me mock Me,

**C** They make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

**L** "He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;

**C** Let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

**P** Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;

**C** You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

**L** On You was I cast from My birth,

**C** And from My mother's womb You have been My God.

**P** Be not far from Me, for trouble is near,

**C** And there is none to help.

**L** Many bulls encompass Me;

**C** Strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

**P** They open wide their mouths at Me,

**C** Like a ravening and roaring lion.

**L** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;

**C** My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;

**P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws;

**C** You lay Me in the dust of death.

**L** For dogs encompass Me;

**C** A company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet—

**P** I can count all My bones—

**C** They stare and gloat over Me;

**L** They divide My garments among them,

**C** And for My clothing they cast lots.

**P** But You, O Lord, do not be far off!

**C O You My help, come quickly to My aid!**

**L** Deliver My soul from the sword,

**C My precious life from the power of the dog!**

**P** Save Me from the mouth of the lion!

**C You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

**L** I will tell of Your name to My brothers;

**C In the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

**P** You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,

**C And stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!**

**L** For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him,

**C But has heard, when He cried to Him.**

**P** From You comes My praise in the great congregation;

**C My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.**

**L** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!

**C May your hearts live forever!**

**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**C And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

**L** For kingship belongs to the Lord,

**C And He rules over the nations.**

**P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**C Before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep Himself alive.**

**L** Posterity shall serve Him;

**C It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**P** They shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C That He has done it.**

*(There is no Benediction on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. The services flow into each other until the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, when the Benediction is again given.)*

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you at Zion!

### **SLIGHT CHANGE IN COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

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

### **EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

Once again, this year, Zion will be hosting an Easter Vigil Service, sometimes called the "Great Vigil of Easter" on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. It is at the same time both the last service of Lent and the first service of Easter (it switches in the middle of the service)! This is one of the most meaningful, most powerful, and most dramatic services of the whole year. The service starts in the dark with lights out (the Lenten part), the Paschal Candle is lit from a (small, carefully controlled) fire in a fire-pit outside symbolizing Jesus' new life, and then after a series of readings, all the lights are turned on, the announcement is made, "Christ is risen!" and the Easter party starts. It really is a great service, and one that is very meaningful, also for children who really notice the dramatic changes and enjoy the different feel to the service. The service will start at 7:00 PM on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and probably last till about 8:30 PM. Of course Holy Week is extremely busy, but you are encouraged to add this service to your schedule.

### **EASTER & CONFIRMATION CARDS AVAILABLE**

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

### **EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED BY MEN'S CLUB**

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

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **CONFIRMATION INVITATION**

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

### **NEW CROSS IN NARTHEX**

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

### **NEW MEMBERS AT ZION**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

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

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

|        |                                   |                |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Thurs. | No Preschool                      |                |
|        | Maundy Thursday Service           | 7:00 PM        |
| Fri.   | No Preschool                      |                |
|        | Senior Meal Delivery              | 10:30 AM       |
|        | Good Friday Service               | 7:00 PM        |
| Sat.   | Great Vigil of Easter             | 7:00 PM        |
| Sun.   | <b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>       |                |
|        | Easter Breakfast                  | 8:00 – 9:30 AM |
|        | Confirmation Class                | 8:30 AM        |
|        | Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person   | 8:45 AM        |
|        | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM        |
|        | Worship DS I w/communion          | 10:00 AM       |