

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

May 8, 2022

Jubilate

(Shout for Joy to God, All the Earth)



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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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Abba, Father, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live in excited anticipation of seeing You face to face and discovering Your promised newness of life in eternity, thus receiving Your final gift of life to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus arr. Don Freudenburg

Hymn On Eagles' Wings LSB 727

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain**
- ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. Refrain**
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. Refrain**
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

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Stand

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession with Absolution

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1–2

L Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

C Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! Alleluia.

L Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

C So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.”

L Come and see what God has done:

C He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

L Bless our God, O peoples;

C let the sound of His praise be heard,

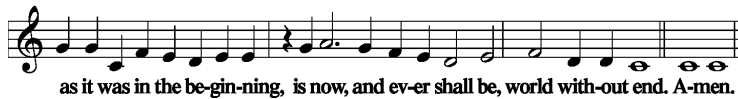
L who has kept our soul among the living

C and has not let our feet slip.

L Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

C Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Gloria Patri




Kyrie

LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high

and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

A Song of Joy

Pote

Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



“A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
- 2 In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.
- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.
- 4 Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.
- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

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Sermon

Peek-A-Boo?

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In the presence of God's family, let us call upon the Lord for all people, the Church, and those in want and need of hope. God of all compassion, it is a pleasing aroma to You when Your children dwell in unity.

C Anoint Your Church with the oneness of faith and teaching, and lead us to love one another deeply from the heart.

P God of all compassion, You have sent Your Church to call all people to You through Your only Son.

C Anoint Your church to call the world to repentance and baptism into Christ Jesus that all may know the promise of the resurrection.

P God of all compassion, by whose Word the heavens were made, instill within the leaders of the nations a wisdom that honors Your name.

C May justice and peace hold sway in the lives of all.

P God of all compassion, Your Holy Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures to the hearts of Your people.

C Enlighten this congregation by the resurrection Light that never fades that our hearts may burn in faith toward You.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Stacia Ahner, Erica Popp, Ivar Peterson, Heather Brand, Robert Corey, Joseph Rueter III, Ben Eatherton, and Lionel Timmerman, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † Bob Twenhafel, as he recovers.
- † Jerry Purdin, as he recovers from oral surgery.
- † Lesley Eads father, Wesley Dixon, as he recovers from being hospitalized.
- † Favorable weather for farmers to be able to plant their crops.
- † Peace in Ukraine and around the world.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

P We lay these petitions before You, O Father, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord, whom You have given dominion over all the works of Your hands.

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

LSB 192

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

LSB 194

P 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.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us

everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 195

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

LSB 196

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 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\cdot\ddagger$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

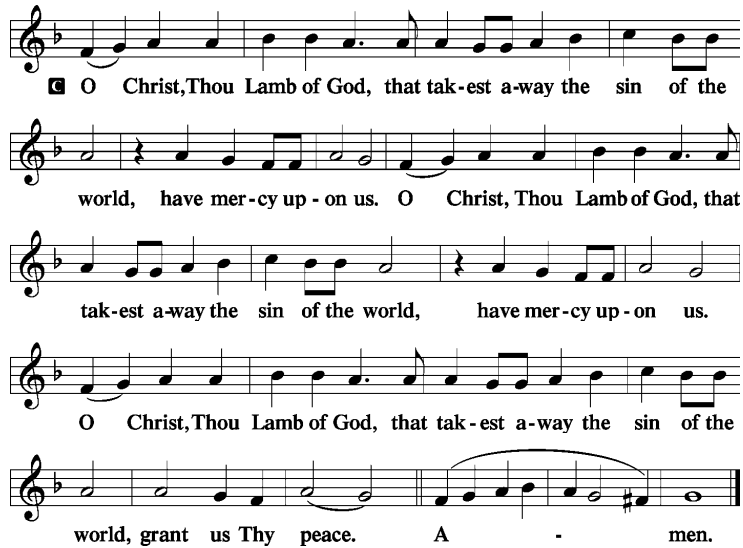
Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



♩ 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

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

Hymn continues on the next page.

**4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,**

**3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.**

**5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.**

**6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**

**7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

**8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.**

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

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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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Sit

Hymn

In Christ Alone

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOR MARLENE LOCKWOOD

On May 22, 2022, Zion will be hosting a retirement luncheon in honor of our long-time Preschool Director/Teacher, Marlene Lockwood. The meal will be at noon on the 22nd following the Sunday morning service. The congregation is invited to attend the meal and a short program. Tickets are available at \$12.50 each and will be available on a first come first served basis. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All reservations must be made no later than next Sunday, May 15th. We would appreciate payment prior to the event. Please see Gail Frey, Deb Heck, Cheryl Sax, Lita Timmerman, or Sharon Weier for tickets.

YOUTH GROUP “WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS” MEETING AND SOCIAL! - MAY 15th

The youth group will be welcoming new members who are eligible to join the youth group during our next meeting & social on May 15th after church. More details to come, but please save the date!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Zion would like to take the opportunity to recognize you for your achievements and celebrate with you. We would appreciate it if you would give the church office your picture (small size picture, either bring to the office or email to the office) and a brief paragraph about what school you will graduate from, your accomplishments (church activities as well as academic awards, sports, etc.) and your future plans. This will be placed in the June Echo. Please submit your information to the church office no later than May 20th so we can get it prepared for the June Echo.

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.

GREETINGS FROM THE MACKEYS

We received a letter from Josh and Sarah Mackey, which is on the counter at the entrance to church. See what they have been doing.

RETURN TO COMMUNION RAIL FOR LORD'S SUPPER

As the Board of Elders continues to work toward the reintroduction of pre-Covid practices at Zion, the next step will be returning to the communion rail to receive the Lord's body and blood together in the Lord's Supper. This change has been requested by members and approved by the Board of Elders. In order to give time to adapt to this change, it will not be implemented on May 8, although it is a Communion Sunday. Instead, we will rejoin at the communion rail on May 22 and the following weeks to allow some time for the change to be made. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we seek to move forward together as the entire congregation to practice our faith as one in the Lord.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

For the last several months, Sem. Stein and Sem. Moellenhoff have led the congregation through an overview of all the books of the New Testament through an animated video and discussion each week. This brief walk-through of the New Testament will conclude on May 22 with the Letter to Philemon. On May 29 and June 5, Pastor Clayton will lead a 2-week Bible Study on the topic of "In the World but not of It." We will explore together how the secular world and the church approach and respond to various situations and consider how the secular world at times sets the agenda for the church, and how the church can respond and provide light to the secular world. These two class sessions will be designed to be very open and discussion-oriented and should be

an engaging exchange of ideas. Please make plans to attend! Jeff Fick will lead Adult Bible Study on June 12-26, and then again on July 31 and August 7, on the topic of "Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation." Our Lord calls us to live in peace and forgiveness, and yet we often see stresses in our relationships with those around us. This study will help us learn from God's Word how we can all become peacemakers as we seek to share with each other a "ministry of reconciliation" as we rejoice to live together as one in the family of faith. We look forward to seeing you in Adult Bible Study in the Church Basement each Sunday morning at 8:45. We'll see you there.

GRATITUDE FOR RECENT DONATIONS TO ZION

In the last few weeks, Zion has received several very thoughtful and helpful donations of physical items. We would like to thank the following families for the following donations:

Wall Cross in the Narthex, donated by Helen Sauerhage--This cross was made by Pastor Love from floorboard taken from the chancel of the old church building. Chuck Sauerhage purchased it at a church fundraiser years ago, and with Helen's donation, it has now returned to its home. This is a beautiful way to tie together the continuity of Zion's history, with wood from the chancel of the old church building now reminding us of Christ's salvation given in the "new" church building as well.

Wheelchairs and Walkers, donated by Jerry and Marleen Purdin--Zion now has multiple wheelchairs and walkers available, both for Sunday morning use and for members to borrow for family members if needed. If Zion members have a temporary mobility need, or have a family member visiting who has mobility challenges, they can borrow a wheelchair from Zion, and Zion will still have a wheelchair available at church for anyone who may need assistance on Sunday mornings.

Wooden Music Stand, donated by Pat Meier and family--For years when he was Zion's choir director, Norbert Meier conducted from a beautiful wooden music stand. When Norbert retired, he used the stand at home. Pat and her family have now donated the music stand to Zion, where it was used joyfully under Norbert's conducting for so many years, so that it can continue to be used as a part of the music program that Norbert did so much to strengthen and continue.

Processional Cross, donated by Sem. Don Stein and family--In thanksgiving for the opportunity to live in the parsonage for the last several years, and for the wonderful support they have received from the congregation at Zion, the Stein family has donated a beautiful processional cross, carefully designed to try to match the existing woodwork of the sanctuary, including the use of purple heart wood in the cross, and as similar of a finish as was available. This cross will be dedicated and used for the first time on June 12.

PRESSED, DRIED PALM BRANCHES AVAILABLE

After Palm Sunday, it is a tradition to take the palm branches used in the processional home to press them and then hang them behind crosses in the home until the following Palm Sunday. (The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are also made from the previous year's palm branches, burned, and crushed.) A few palm branches were left at Zion on Palm Sunday, and they have been pressed and dried, and are now ready to hang behind a cross in your home. They are available on the card table in the narthex next to the collection places. Please feel free to take one home if you do not have one to hang in your home this year.

VICARAGE AND CALL INFORMATION

Both Sem. Moellenhoff and Sem. Stein received big news at the Vicarage Placement Service and Call Service held at Concordia Seminary on Tuesday, April 26. Sem. Moellenhoff will be serving his vicarage (his one-year, full time internship) at St. John Lutheran Church in East Moline, IL. Sem. Stein received a Divine Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry to serve as pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Rockton, IL. Rockton is north of Rockford, right on the Wisconsin border. We pray God's blessings on both Sem. Moellenhoff and Sem. Stein and their families, and we pray for the congregations where they have been placed, that all may be mutually blessed by these assignments.

NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS DONATED TO ZION

It is the custom in many Lutheran churches to have processions on special occasions of the church year. (Easter, Christmas, funerals, etc.) Historically, a cross is included in these processions. Yet Zion does not have one! As a thank you for the past four years of prayers, support, forgiveness and love, the Stein family has commissioned

a processional cross for the congregation. It was designed with the help of Zion's Elders, Church Council, Altar Guild, and Pastor Clayton to match the woodwork and aesthetics of the sanctuary. It was hand-crafted by Rev. Dan Vines of Calvary Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, WA. God-willing, it will be a reminder of *Who* is preached every Sunday for generations. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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. **May/June we will collect BOTTLES OF WATER for First Responders (police, firefighters, EMTs).** There will be a collection box in the narthex for these items, or if you are bringing a large quantity package, please put it in the coatroom. **We want to emphasize that you can donate ANY size water bottles, not just the large ones.** Keep watching for future collections. Thanks in advance!!

18th ANNUAL BOB STREUTER MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Southern Illinois District is looking for golfers to play in the 18th Annual Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Scramble on Sat., June 11th, at RMB Golf Course in Okawville. Profits are used to give students financial grants if they are enrolled in one of our LCMS Universities or Seminaries and studying to be a full-time church worker. This year our planning committee decided to add sponsorship categories/amounts to support the tournament and the Student Aid Endowment Fund. Sponsorship forms are on the counter in the narthex. For more info call Dan Roth at 618-972-8087, Wally Streuter at 618-973-8377, Ruth Waeltz at 618-317-2678, Amy Kurtz at 901-237-2678, or Drew Novara at 618-559-0556.

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GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE...

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Mother's Day.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lectors: Sem. Don Stein & Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Altar Guild: Gail Frey
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MAY 15

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THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

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| Sun. | Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person | 8:45 AM |
| | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM |
| | Worship DS III w/communion | 10:00 AM |
| Tues. | Evangelism Committee | 7:00 PM |
| Wed. | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 PM |
| | Hand Chime Rehearsal | 8:00 PM |
| Fri. | Senior Meal Delivery | 10:30 AM |
| Sun. | Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person | 8:45 AM |
| | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM |
| | Worship Matins | 10:00 AM |
| | Youth Group Meeting | 11:15 AM |

ATTENDANCE MAY 1: Sunday: 132

Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 4 Sunday School: 32