

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**February 12, 2023**  
*Quinquagesima*  
*Fifty Days before Easter*  
*Youth Sunday*



*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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## Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, by whom the divine record receives its power to save and heal, give us insights into the sacred record that we might find continued healing for our souls in it, and through it be saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION LSB p. 167

## Confession and Absolution

Prelude                                      Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness                                      arr. Hirten

Hymn    Hail to the Lord's Anointed    *LSB 398*

- 1    **Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.**
  
- 2    **He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.**
  
- 3    **He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.**
  
- 4    **Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**
  
- 5    **O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.**

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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

## Confession with Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

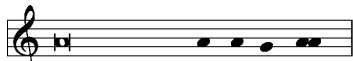
# Service of the Word

## Introit

- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**C** **a strong fortress to save me!**  
**P** For You are my rock and my fortress;  
**C** **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**  
**P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**C** **in Your righteousness deliver me!**  
**P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
**C** **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**  
**P** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
**C** **my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.**  
**P** Make Your face shine on Your servant;  
**C** **save me in Your steadfast love!**  
**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.**  
**P** Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**C** **a strong fortress to save me!**  
**P** For You are my rock and my fortress;  
**C** **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

## Kyrie

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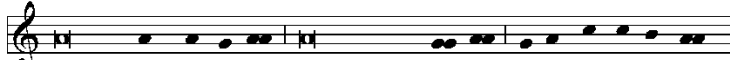


**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

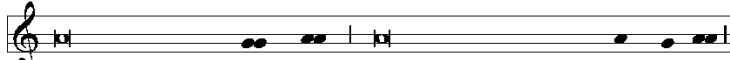
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**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



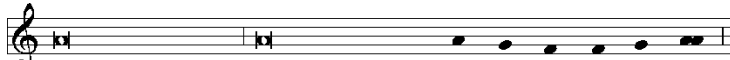
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



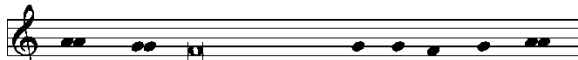
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3-7*

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle***1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel***Luke 18:31-43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

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

*Sit*

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Sermon

## Captain Obvious

*Stand*

## 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Glory, honor, and praise be to You, Lord God of heaven and earth.

**C** When we consider Your heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets, we are amazed that You would pay any attention to us.

**P** Yet, according to Your Word, You determined our destiny before You laid the foundation of the earth.

**C** Most amazing of all is that You provided for our salvation from the very beginning that we might one day enter into Your rest.

**P** Accept our sincere thanks and praise.

**C** We confess that there have been times when we have forgotten Your merciful kindness toward us.

**P** We have often been blind toward Your marvelous works.

**C** We have read and listened to Your Word, yet failed to respond with truly believing hearts.

**P** We have lagged in zeal in bringing the Good News of Your salvation to all the spiritually blind.

**C** We have often stopped working before finishing the task You have called us to do.

- P** For these and many other offenses against Your holy will,
- C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may keep our eyes open to Your merciful kindness.**
- P** Give us vision to see our duty in the broader concepts of Your kingdom.
- C** **Help us recognize the opportunities to serve others.**
- P** Let us see our neighbors' needs and give us wisdom and strength to meet those needs.

**WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR**

- † William Huth, Nora Bigley, Amber Schanz, Makena Suedmeyer, and Cole Wambold, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † The family of Debbie Myers, sister of Robin Phillips, as she died this past week.
- † Our youth, that they may be kept firm in their faith and active in their family of faith throughout their lives.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

- P** Give vision and insight to the leaders of church and state.
  - C** **Accept our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**
- Sit*

**Offering**

*[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]*

**Special Offering Music**

**Jesus Loves Me**  
*(Ryan Hinton, soloist)*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.



# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 (Sung together)

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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

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

**C** Amen.

## 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."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

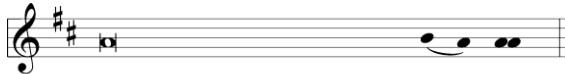
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

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

## Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei (Vocal Solo)

LSB 180



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



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

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

*Sit*

**Distribution**

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

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

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

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

**Hymn**

**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.**

*Hymn continues on the next page.*

- 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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Hymn

**Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

*LSB 620*

- 1** Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2** Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- 3** Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4** God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
- 5** Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6** Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Hymn

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*LSB 621*

- 1** Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2** King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3** Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4** At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

### Thank the Lord (Sung together)

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

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

### Benediction

LSB 183

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** A - - - men.

Sit

**Hymn**

**Christ Be My Leader**

*LSB 861*

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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**Postlude**

**Christ Be My Leader**

**arr. Behnke**

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### **THANKS TO OUR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

For Youth Sunday today, we have had a wonderful level of participation from our young adults. Thanks to all who stepped forward! We are blessed to have almost 20 youth serving in various capacities this morning!

Vocal Soloists: Ryan Hinton and Abigail Clayton

String Quartet: Rosemary Peterson and Abigail Clayton, violin; Gloria Peterson, viola; and Bjorn Peterson, cello.

Brass Ensemble: Michael Ganey and Leif Peterson, trumpet; Abby McDaniel, horn; Nathaniel Clayton, baritone; and Luke Lara, trombone.

Greeters: Lily McDaniel, Ella Sax, Tyler Hinton, Kayla Hinton, and Dalton Wambold

Bell Ringer: Jake Lara

Ushers: Isaiah Clayton, Michael Ganey, Jake Lara, and Luke Lara

Altar Guild Assistants: Abigail Clayton, Phoebe Corey, and Abby McDaniel

A big thank you to our nearly 20 youth volunteers and youth musicians!

### **SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS**

Lent is quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>), so it is time to sign up for Lenten Meals. Meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up.

Feb 22: Ladies Aid

March 1: Men's Club: Tacos

March 8:

March 15: Timmermans

March 22: Youth Group

March 29: Elders

April 5: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

### **FORMAL DRESS SALE SPONSORED BY ZION YOUTH GROUP**

Come shop for your prom, homecoming, or military ball dress! Reasonably priced dresses. Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm and Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-3pm in the gym at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway, Mascoutah. We are also accepting donations of dresses you are no longer going to wear on Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Donators will be given a 50% off coupon to use at our sale. Dressing rooms available. Cash or check only.

### **ZION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

We will start Priority Registration for the 2023-2024 school year on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Priority registration is open to all current and past Zion Preschool families as well as all Zion Church families. Open registration for the public will begin on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a preschooler, you can contact me at zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com for more questions or check out our Facebook page!

### **WONDERFUL FINANCIAL NEWS FOR ZION**

We give thanks and praise to God, 2022 was one of the best years in Zion's history for congregational giving. Under God's guidance, the saints of Zion donated right about \$300,000 in 2022, which aligns with the budget. (The offerings in 2019 totaled \$304,280, so we were slightly under that total). Also, thanks to God's blessings, Zion ended the year with a slight surplus when offerings are compared to expenses, even when a loss from the stock market is factored in. This is wonderful news, and we praise God and give thanks to all the wonderful members at Zion for their faithful stewardship of His blessings.

### **ISRAEL JOURNEY INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEB. 26<sup>th</sup>**

For all those interested or curious about the journey Pastor Clayton is leading to Israel in January/February of 2024, we will host an informational meeting on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 3:00 PM in Zion's Church

Basement. Mike Malone, the owner of Purposeful Journeys, the tour operator arranging the journey, will be with us to give a presentation and answer any questions you may have. We will also provide Mediterranean style snacks to help get you ready for the journey! Please note that there is a \$600 discount for those who reserve their place on this journey before March 1, 2023! Come to the informational meeting on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 PM and enjoy an afternoon with prospective future travel companions!

### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

The Chamber Orchestra from Concordia University, Chicago will be giving a concert at Zion Lutheran, Mascoutah on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 4:00 PM. As the host congregation, we have several requests. First, there is a financial need, and we are looking for significant donors who will help sponsor this concert in advance. Any gift will help, but we are asking for several donations in the \$200 plus range. Thanks in advance! Also, we will need to provide host families for the group, about 25 people. That means we will need 10-12 host families for Sunday evening, March 26, please. The jars are set out by the doors to receive donations, and a sign-up sheet for host families is on the table in the narthex. Thanks for your advance support of this event!

### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE CONCERT AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLINSVILLE**

Mark your calendars to see the Concordia University Irvine Symphony Orchestra at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1300 Beltline Road Collinsville, IL 62234 on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, at 3:00 PM. The concert will feature major orchestral works which are also family friendly. The Irvine Orchestra features at least 3 instrumentalists who grew up in the Southern Illinois District! This group travels to St. Louis from Irvine, CA (Los Angeles) once in a decade if that, so don't miss this free chance to hear them! The Irvine Orchestra recorded and presented a PBS Christmas special in 2021 which aired on PBS in 70% of the United States-this is a nationally renowned University Ensemble. The concert will appeal to all, especially the youth who are involved in music. The concert will open with a beginning string ensemble and advanced string ensemble involving children to adults from SID congregations. Please contact Zach Stegman at [zstegman@gslcs.org](mailto:zstegman@gslcs.org) if you would like to participate in the beginning or advanced string ensembles, for further info about the concert, or if you would like printed fliers or a narthex poster. Please publicize in your congregation and to friends and neighbors!

### **TRIVIA & FAMILY GAME NIGHT BENEFITING VITAE FOUNDATION**

Kid and family-friendly event benefiting Vitae Foundation. Join us on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at Victory Church, 223 Scott Troy Rd., O'Fallon, IL. Doors open at 5:00 PM and trivia begins at 5:30 PM. \$20/person or \$50/family. There will also be a silent auction. Snacks and soda provided but feel free to bring your own. No alcohol, please. To register, please call 573-634-4316. All proceeds benefit Vitae Foundation.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY NEEDS**

We have several international students requesting household items; over 200 new students have arrived on the SIUE campus this semester, and we are trying to help meet their needs and show them the love of Jesus. Items needed are as follows: beds, blankets, desks, area rugs, small kitchen tables & chairs, love seats/small couches, microwaves, TVs, coffee tables, shoe racks, bookshelves, etc. This is not an exhaustive list, and any contribution is greatly appreciated.

### **LIKE THE SID FACEBOOK PAGE**

Did you know that the SID-LCMS has a Facebook page and is on Instagram? Go check it out at "Southern IL District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod" on Facebook, and while you are there, "Like" the page so you can see news, prayers, and featured congregations from the SID! On Instagram, check out @sidlcms or Instagram.com/sidlcms to see the content there. At the beginning of January, the SID started a feature called "Congregation of the Week", so if you "Like" the Facebook page, each week you will see a brief article and photos about different congregations around the district. Follow the page to receive both spiritual and informational content from your District!

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR HIRING FOR OFFICE SECRETARY**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg seeks an office secretary, 12 hours/week. Flexible schedule. Call 618-660-6144.



### **ACADEMY OF MUSIC AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR**

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior, a new music school in Freeburg, offers private voice and instrument lessons in a warm, Christian environment with seasoned Lutheran instructors. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Twice a month, the Academy also offers Mini-Music Makers, an energetic class for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Preschoolers sing, play instruments, dance, and learn to love music with an experienced early childhood music teacher. For details about the Academy, visit [TheAcademyofMusic.org](http://TheAcademyofMusic.org), email [Hannah@TheAcademyofMusic.org](mailto:Hannah@TheAcademyofMusic.org), or call 618-353-3322.

### **2023 LCMS LIFE CONFERENCE**

Registration is now open for the 2023 LCMS Life Conference, which will be held March 2–3 at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis and online. The conference will provide Lutherans with resources to faithfully proclaim what God’s Word teaches about life, health, marriage, and family. Participants are invited to attend either in person or online. In-person registration, which includes meals and snacks, is \$49 per person. Online registration (which can be used by an individual, couple, family, or group) is \$29. Both in-person and online attendees will have access to recorded sessions for 60 days after the conference.

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

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### **EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther’s Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Nancy Peterson's birthday in thanksgiving for all the beautiful music she provides for the congregation.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Rylan Ganey & William Huth  
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads, Abigail Clayton, Phoebe Corey, & Abby McDaniel  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 19**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel & Dalton Wambold  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM  
Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Worship DS II w/communion 10:00 AM  
Mon. **ECHO DEADLINE**  
LifeLight 7:00 PM  
Wed. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM  
Thurs. Exec Board 6:30 PM  
Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 PM  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM  
Fri. Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM  
Formal Dress Donations 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Sat. Formal Dress Sale 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM  
Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Worship Matins 10:00 AM  
Formal Dress Sale 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 5:** Sunday: 179  
Adult Bible Class: 12 High School: 3 Sunday School: 35