

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

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First Sunday in Lent

Invocavit

When He Calls To Me, I Will Answer Him



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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Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, as You led Jesus, the Christ, into the wilderness to be tempted by the Evil One, lead us out of all temptations that come to us by Satan, the world, and our flesh, that by Your power and leading we may emerge from our wilderness as victorious as our Savior left His; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 184

Confession and Absolution

Prelude Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word arr. Ben Culli

Hymn O Lord, throughout These Forty Days LSB 418

- 1 **O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**
- 2 **You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**
- 3 **Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.**
- 4 **Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

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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. 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16

- P** When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
C I will rescue him and honor him.
P With long life I will satisfy him
C and show him My salvation.
P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
P I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
C my God, in whom I trust.”
P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
C the Most High, who is my refuge—
P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C no plague come near your tent.
P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
C the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
P When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
C I will rescue him and honor him.
P With long life I will satisfy him
C and show him My salvation.

Gloria Patri

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

The Gloria in Excelsis is Omitted for Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman He said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hand Chime Choir

My Song Is Love Unknown

Tyleen Stults

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1–10

Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the

power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P He will cover you with His pinions,

C and under His wings you will find refuge.

P When he calls to Me, I will answer him;

C I will be with him in trouble.

P With long life I will satisfy him

C and show him My salvation.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command His angels concerning You,’

and

“On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.”

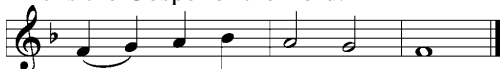
Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God

and Him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Sit

Sermon

What Tempts You?

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.]

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we praise You for creating man in Your own image.

C We praise You for giving Adam Your righteousness and true holiness.

P We deplore, however, the existence of Satan, who caused our first parents to fall into the sin of disobedience.

C We deeply regret that Satan, using a product of Your creation, caused man, the crown of Your creation, to fall from grace.

- P** We also deplore our actual sins, the sins we commit daily.
- C** **They are many and great, and we do indeed repent of them. Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Since Satan's power is still great and we are an easy mark for his assaults,
- C** **we implore You to give us the strength to resist him.**
- P** Strengthen our will and graciously enable us to govern our flesh to do Your will.
- C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit to empower our hearts with the desire and joy to resist the old man within us.**
- P** As we observe the power of Satan rampant in our world, causing many to worship him as You would be worshiped,
- C** **we implore You to curb his power and bring to naught his distressing activity among us.**
- P** We give You humble thanks that as our substitute Your Son Jesus Christ successfully overcame the devil.
- C** **Grant us such success so that our days upon the earth may be peaceful and joyful.**

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Evangeline Duffy, Joe Haas, and Luke Morra, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Carolyn Rowold, as she recovers from Gamma Knife surgery.
- ✠ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- P** In the name of Him who conquered the forces of evil for us.
- C** **even our Lord Jesus Christ, we earnestly pray. Amen.**

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.

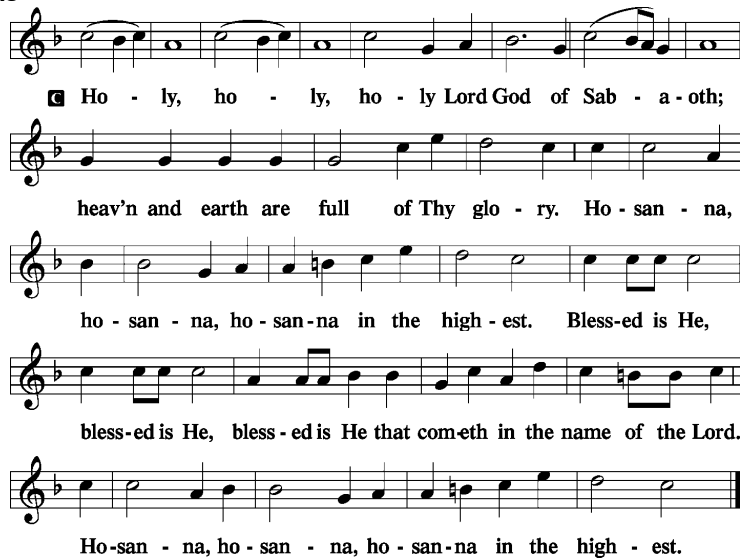
C It is meet and right so to do.

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, 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

LSB 195

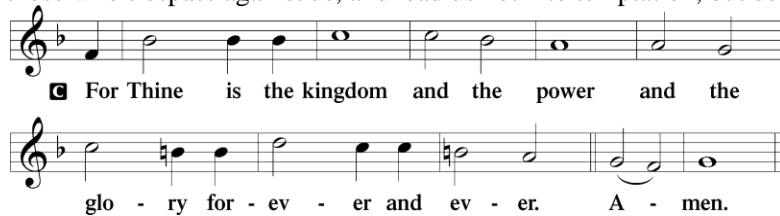


☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

☐ 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
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

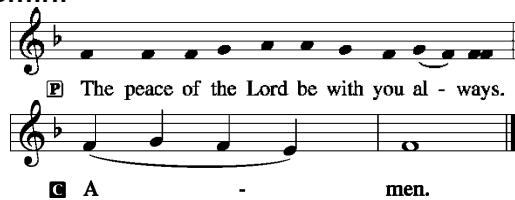
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☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

LSB 197



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

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
 What price our ransom cost Him!**
- 2 **Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
 Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
 But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
 So firmly sin possessed me.**
- 3 **My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
 Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
 My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
 The pangs of hell I suffered.**
- 4 **But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
 And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
 He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
 But gave His dearest treasure.**

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 5 God said to His belovèd Son: “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever.”
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow’r disguised He bore; A servant’s form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.”

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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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Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

- 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

P Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before 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

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 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** Amen

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
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.

☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.**
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.**

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Postlude

March on 'Erhalt Uns, Herr'

arr. Hildebrand

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



LENT DEVOTIONS – NOW AVAILABLE

Lent devotions are now available on the table in the narthex.

SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS

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

- March 1: Men's Club: Tacos
- March 8:
- March 15: Timmermans
- March 22: Youth Group
- March 29: Elders: Loaded Baked Potatoes
- April 5: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

HOLY LAND JOURNEY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Visit the Holy Land and walk where Jesus walked in January/February of 2024! Anyone who is interested in taking a journey to Israel in 2024 is welcome to attend an informational meeting at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 26 at Zion, Mascoutah. The trip to Israel next year will leave from St. Louis on Monday, January 22, 2024, and will return to St. Louis on Thursday, February 1, 2024. (There is an optional extension to Egypt from February 1-4, 2024.) The tour is being organized by Pastor Clayton and is open to all who would like to deepen their faith together by experiencing the Holy Land and following in the footsteps of Jesus. If you are interested in this trip, you are invited to attend the informational meeting at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway, Mascoutah, IL on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Snacks and lots of information will be provided at the meeting! For more information, go to <https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/a-miraculous-journey/> or contact Pastor Clayton at kmcljcuac@yahoo.com.

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICE PREACHING ROTATION

This year, Zion will participate in a "Round Robin" preaching rotation with Pastor Keseman and Pastor Lukomski joining Pastor Clayton to share God's Word at the evening Lenten Midweek Services. This year we will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. Here is a schedule of all the Lenten evening services.

- March 1, 1st Lent Midweek: "Father Forgive Them" (Pastor Lukomski to preach)
- March 8, 2nd Lent Midweek: "Mother, Behold Your Son" (Pastor Keseman to preach)
- March 15, 3rd Lent Midweek: "Today You Will Be with Me" (Pastor Lukomski to preach)
- March 22, 4th Lent Midweek: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me" (Pastor Clayton to preach)
- March 29, 5th Lent Midweek: "It Is Finished" (Pastor Keseman to preach)
- April 6, Maundy Thursday: "I Thirst" (Pastor Lukomski to preach)
- April 7, Good Friday: "Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit" (Pastor Clayton to preach)

The services will start at 7:00 PM, and a Lenten Supper will be served each week from 5:30 to 6:30. Come enjoy time with your church family for supper and stay to be strengthened in God's Word at the service at 7:00 PM.

FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY

The Men's Club will present *An American Tail* for kids of all ages on Saturday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m. This chronicles the adventures of Fievel, a courageous little Russian mouse, who is lost at sea while journeying by ship to America at the turn of the century. Washing ashore in New York harbor, Fievel braves the perils and wonders of a strange new world while trying to find his family. Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

NEEDED: SOUND TECH AND VIDEO TECH

Within the next several months, Zion will need help with the sound board and with the Facebook video feed each week. If you are interested in learning these positions, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and we will schedule a training session so everyone who volunteers feels comfortable in the positions. Thanks in advance for your engagement to serve in this way!

ZION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Priority Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has started. 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 1st. If you have a preschooler, you can contact me at zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com for more questions or check out our Facebook page!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN SYRIA

You have likely heard of the earthquake that devastated Turkey and Syria. It is estimated that 35,000 were killed, and 90,000 injured. Arabic Lutheran Ministries is partnering with several Christian organizations that work with refugees and the displaced in Syria and Lebanon. Teams are ready in Aleppo and other cities that were affected by the recent earthquake to take action. Despite the dangerous circumstances, Arabic Lutheran Ministries has been able to open a center for the displaced families through a church in Aleppo, where more than 300 families are staying. The immediate need for these families is food, clothing, and various personal supplies. More teams of volunteers are being sent to reach other devastated Syrian cities such as Latakia, Tartus and Jableh, to start centers to shelter families and help with their basic needs. If you would like to donate to this relief effort, place your contributions in the jars at the back of the sanctuary.

HOST FAMILIES AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CUC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

For the Concordia Chicago Chamber Orchestra concert at Zion, Mascoutah on Sunday, March 26, we could still use about 5 more host families, and we are still seeking significant donors to help offset the concert in advance. Due to the Door Offering to help with earthquake relief in Syria, please do not put concert donations in the jars by the sanctuary doors. Instead, give them to Pastor Clayton or a Board of Finance member directly. To volunteer to be a host family, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions about being a host family, please talk with Pastor Clayton. Thanks!

LECTURE ON CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

Village Lutheran Church in Ladue is hosting a Lecture on Christianity and Culture. Join us for our spring lecture on March 4th. The lecture will be held from 2-4 p.m. with light refreshments and music to follow. This event is free to attend, and childcare will be provided. Learn engaging clinical perspectives and strategies for use by moms, dads, colleagues, and friends who want to respond effectively to those who are hurting. We'll focus on how to detect and to respond to signs and symptoms of depression in children, teens, and adults. We'll also examine how to remain healthy as you support a friend or loved one who may be struggling.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington, Millstadt, IL will be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 12th from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Adults are \$12, children 4-10 are \$5, and children 3 and under are free. The meal includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, dessert, and beverage. Carry-outs will be available.

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.

TRIVIA & FAMILY GAME NIGHT BENEFITING VITAE FOUNDATION

Kid and family-friendly event benefiting Vitae Foundation. Join us on Saturday, March 11th, 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.

CHURCH WORKER SURVEY

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun Set Apart to Serve (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. The more responses we receive, the better equipped we can be to serve the church in this effort. We would appreciate receiving all responses by March 15. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions, please reach out to the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-THE LCMS (843-5267) or infocenter@lcms.org. Thank you for your time and support in helping the LCMS with this important initiative.

CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN IN BALWIN

The Annual Chicken Dinner at St. John Lutheran in Balwin will be held Sunday, March 12th. Serving times will be from 10:30 am–1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, homemade dessert, and coffee, tea, or lemonade. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, and 4 and under are free. All are welcome to attend.

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod, and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



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The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all the contributions to the Baby Bottle Campaign for Mosaic Health.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton & Chloe Pannier
Altar Guild: Sharon Weier
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 5

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Daniel Bretz & Ella Sax
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

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 III w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	First Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Family Movie	2:30 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I n/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 19: Sunday: 122
Adult Bible Class: 20 High School: 7 Sunday School: 39

ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 22: Ash Wednesday: 78