

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 5, 2023

*Sexagesima*

*Sixty Days before Easter*



*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.

## Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord of the planting and reaping, Husbandman of the Kingdom grainfields, nourish us with Your Holy Word and sacraments, cause us to produce fruit worthy of Your love, and keep us fit for the harvest when it comes; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE I

## LSB p. 151

## Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Robert Hobby

The congregation will select the hymns.

*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 of Sins

- 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.**

### Absolution

- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

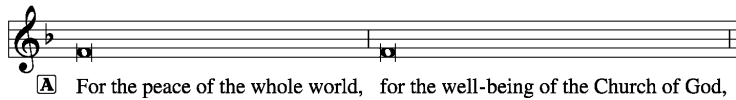
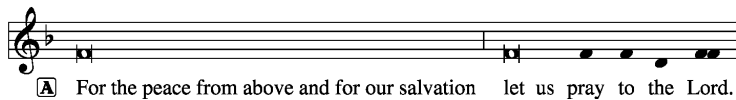
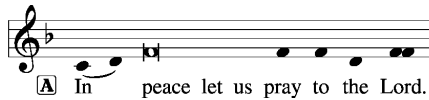
## Introit

*Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a*

- P** Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord?  
**C** **Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!**  
**P** For our soul is bowed down to the dust.  
**C** **Rise up; come to our help!**  
**P** O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,  
**C** **what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old:**  
**P** You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted;  
**C** **You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free.**  
**P** But You have saved us from our foes  
**C** **and have put to shame those who hate us.**  
**P** In God we have boasted continually,  
**C** **and we will give thanks to Your name forever.**  
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** Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord?  
**C** **Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!**  
**P** For our soul is bowed down to the dust.  
**C** **Rise up; come to our help!**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*





**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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*

The congregation will select the hymns.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

God of Grace

arr. Tom Fettke

### Epistle

*Hebrews 4:9-13*

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 8:4-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], He said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no

moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As He said these things, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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



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

*Sit*

### Children’s Lunchbox Devotion

The congregation will select the hymns.

Sermon

What Does This Mean?

*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.

Immanuel Lutheran School students sing: “Father, I Adore You” and “Let Us Love One Another”

### Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord God almighty Creator, You spoke and the universe came into being.

**C** By the exertion of Your will the earth was populated with herds and flocks.

**P** By Your Word vegetation and grain sprang forth to nourish all living things.

**C** We are grateful that Your power still exists among us.

**P** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven at Your command and nourish the earth,

**C** so You have promised that Your mighty Word, sown as seed in the hearts of men, women, and children everywhere will produce results.

**P** Send Your Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts to receive Your Holy Word.

**C** Prevent us from hardening our hearts so that Your Word cannot penetrate.

**P** Keep us from short lived emotional reaction to Your Word.

**C** Protect us from the thorns of coveting, which are able to choke out our faith.

**P** Make our hearts a fertile field so that Your Word may produce the fruits of faith a hundredfold.

**C** As we sow the seed of Your Word on the hearts of many, may Your Holy Spirit bless it that it may spring forth into a lively hope.

**P** When, O Lord, we see little or no results of the Word we have spread,

**C** encourage us to remain faithful sowers with Your promise that Your Word shall not return empty.

**P** Bless the administration of our government that it may help provide a healthy climate for the seed we sow to germinate and bring forth fruit.

### WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Adam Ahner, Brad Lockwood, Deb Heck, Gabriella Jeffries, Gatlin Jeffries, Viviana Jeffries, Alicia Suedmeyer, Sarah Linn, Ami Linnertz, Jeremy Linnertz, Nicholas Linnertz, Jenna Dunn, Torri Suedmeyer, Ellie Tubbs, and Abby McDaniel, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- † The Eads family, as Lesley's father, Wesley Dixon, died this past week.
- † Opportunities for Lutheran Education, including at Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

**P** This we ask in the name of the Lord of the harvest,

**C** even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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### Offering

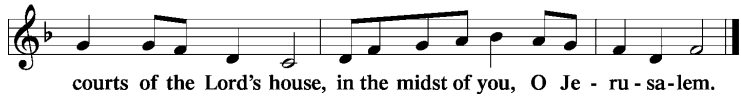
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*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 159

**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



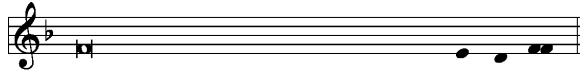
**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 162

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

**Benediction**

LSB 166



- 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  $\dagger$  give you peace.



*Sit*

The congregation will select the hymns.

**Postlude**                                      **Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'**                                      **arr. Christopher Pardini**

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**LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



**WELCOME TO STUDENTS FROM IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

This morning we have the joy of welcoming the choir from Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville, IL. Lutheran education has been an emphasis in the Lutheran Church since the days of Luther! We rejoice with students who have the opportunity to learn in a Christ-centered environment where lessons include God's Word and prayer, and teaching focuses on God's plan for His people. If you are interested in a Lutheran education for your children, grandchildren, or friends, please talk with Tina Kassebaum, the Principal of Immanuel Lutheran School while she is here today or speak with one of the other teachers visiting with us here today. For more information about Immanuel Lutheran School, check out their website at <http://www.ImmanuelOkawville.org> to see how the school fulfills their mission to prepare students for life here and in eternity by living out their Vision Statement, "Eternal Salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ, is God's goal for all people."

**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.

### **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:  
March 8:  
March 15: Timmermans  
March 22: Youth Group  
March 29: Elders  
April 5: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN ENDS TODAY**

If you still have a baby bottle at home, please let Glenda Pike know.

### **CALLING YOUTH MUSICIANS**

Zion will host a "Youth Sunday" on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help with the music for the service. If you play a musical instrument and are in middle school or high school, please contact Nancy Peterson to volunteer to play in an instrumental ensemble that day. She will get you a packet of music and contact you about rehearsal times. Thanks to all our youth volunteers!

### **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.

### **UPDATED LIST OF COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Board of Ed wants to acknowledge all our college students by sending cards with words of encouragement and small gifts. To do this, we need the names and addresses of all our college students. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email names and addresses to Linda Hoskins at Hosklin81@gmail.com.

### **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!

### **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!

### **ZION HOSTS SERVICES AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

For the 2022-2023 school year, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis has asked Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah to be the host congregation for Divine Services. As the second semester begins, Pastor Clayton will be serving as the Celebrant, leading worship at the Seminary this Wednesday, February 8. He will also be preaching for the Divine Service at the Seminary on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Zion members are welcome to attend chapel services at the seminary, which are held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at 9:30 each weekday morning. The services are also livestreamed on the Seminary website at <https://www.csl.edu/campus-life/chapel/>. We rejoice at this opportunity to support our Seminary.

### **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 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@gscls.org](mailto:zstegman@gscls.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!

### **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.

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### **OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY...**

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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 thanksgiving to the Immanuel students for sharing the love of God with us in song.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Laith Fanous & Luke Lara  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 12**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Rosemary Peterson  
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads  
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 I n/communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
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

**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 29:** Sunday: 142

Adult Bible Class: 21 High School: 5 Sunday School: 47