

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**January 29, 2023**  
*Septuagesima*  
*Seventy 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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## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit of the Godhead, who has called us into the marvelous light of Christ, lead us also in the footsteps of Christ that the sinner in us always gives way to our sainthood in Christ; through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE IV/II WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 203/167

## Confession and Absolution

Hymn

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

LSB 812

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
- 2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “For He was slain for us!”
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.

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“Arky, Arky” sung by Zion Sunday School

*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

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.  
**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

LSB 203

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5–6a*

**P** The cords of Sheol entangled me;

**C** the snares of death confronted me.

**P** In my distress I called upon the LORD.

**C** From His temple He heard my voice.

**P** I love You, O LORD, my strength.

**C** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

**P** For You save a humble people,

**C** but the haughty eyes You bring down.

**P** [You have] equipped me with strength

**C** and made my way blameless.

**P** For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations,

**C** and sing to Your name.

**P** The cords of Sheol entangled me;

**C** the snares of death confronted me.

**P** In my distress I called upon the LORD.

**C** From His temple He heard my voice.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

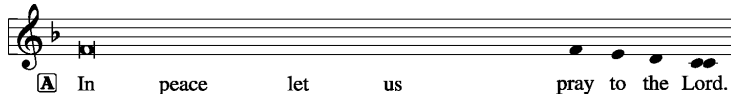
and to the Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Kyrie

LSB 204



**A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



*Kyrie continues on the next page.*



## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

*Exodus 17:1-7*

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hand Chime Choir

For the Fruits of All Creation

Lauran Delaney

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5*

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205*

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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff is for the Alleluia, the second and third are for the Verse, and the fourth is for the final Alleluia. Each staff has a square icon with a letter (P or C) to its left, indicating the start of a new section.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

**C** Praise to You, 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.

*Sit*

Hymn

You Are the Way; through You Alone

LSB 526

- 1 You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,  
And those who put their trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.

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Sermon

The Countdown

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 Light and Salvation, You are the Stronghold of our life.
- C** With You as our God, we face the world without fear.
- P** As the heavens are high above the earth, so Your ways are higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts.
- C** We behold Your beauty in the midst of Your sanctuary and dare to bring our petitions before You.
- P** We readily admit, O Lord, that our manner of life has not always been worthy of the Gospel.
- C** We have not always stood firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith.
- P** We have failed to work diligently in Your vineyard and have too readily adopted the standards of the world in desiring rewards for our labors.

- C** For our lack of zeal to work in Your vineyard, forgive us, O Lord.
- P** For begrudging Your favors to those who have worked less than we,
- C** we ask Your forgiveness.
- P** For forgetting that You have already paid us with the gift of salvation,
- C** forgive us, O Lord.
- P** That we may be more enthusiastic about carrying out Your wishes, send us Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Help us to see the opportunities to do Your work, and according to Your mercy, grant success to our labors.
- P** Grant righteousness and peace to our nation and to the nations of the world.
- C** Use us to comfort the lonely and bring hope to the sick and discouraged.

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

- † Bob Eldridge and Mark Krausz, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † Wesley Dixon, father of Lesley Eads, as he is critically ill.
- † All officers, board members, and committee members of Zion.
- † Faithfulness in reception of Word and Sacraments.

- P** Help us to feed the hungry and clothe the needy.
- C** This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also 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.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 (Vocal Solo)

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





### Prayer of Thanksgiving

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

### 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.

### 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."

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

### Pax Domini

LSB 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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

### Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

- 1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.**
- 2 What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires, And lost is our condition.**
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.**
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart—So deep is our corruption.**
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.**
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.**
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.**
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.**
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.**

*Stand*

- 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessed name we hallow.**

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*Sit*

**Hymn**

**O Lord, We Praise Thee**

*LSB 617*

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!**
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!**

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**Hymn**

**I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

*LSB 618*

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain**
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain**
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain**
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain**
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain**

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*Stand*

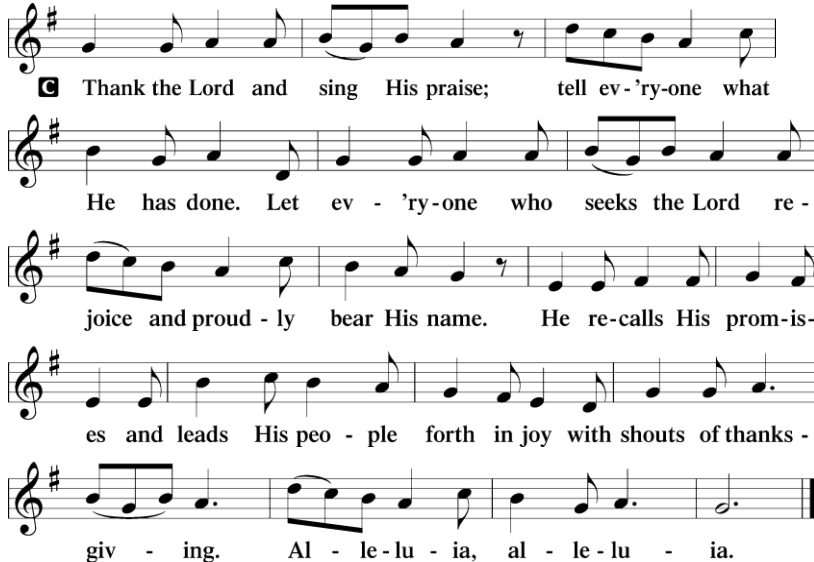
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### 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.

### Thank the Lord

*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.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

*LSB 212*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Hymn

### Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

*LSB 826*

- 1** Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?"

- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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



### **FEBRUARY ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE**

The February Echo is now available in the narthex. Pick one up today!

### **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:

March 22:

March 29: Elders

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

### **LEARNING DIVINE SERVICE II**

Several years ago, the congregation learned the first half of Divine Service II, but we have not yet learned the second half of the service. We will be adding that portion of the service over the next several months. This morning, we will sing the Post Communion Canticle, "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise" together as a congregation. The text of this canticle is the same as in Divine Service I, but the music is different. This is a wonderful, lilting setting that will be a joy to sing together. Last week it was sung by a soloist to introduce it, and today we will begin singing it with the whole congregation. Then, a soloist will sing the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy" this morning to introduce this setting. In future weeks we will sing that canticle together also. We look forward to learning the rest of this Divine Service setting together!

### **NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY SERIES ON MARK**

Starting on February 5, the Adult Bible Class will begin a new series on the Gospel According to St. Mark. This is the shortest and most direct of the four Gospel accounts, and it is a great place to jump into a deeper consideration of the life and work of Jesus Christ. It is central to all of us to dwell on the life and work of Jesus Christ, and to be shaped and molded by His Word. Only through God's Means of Grace (the Word and Sacraments) will we be conformed more and more to the thoughts and actions of our Lord as His Holy Spirit works in us. If you have not attended Bible Class before, or if you have not attended for some time, now is the perfect time to get in the habit of being in God's House to study His Word every Sunday morning at 8:45. This 12-week series will be taught by Jeff Fick, Mark Krausz, Lionel Timmerman, and Dale Wehmeyer. Thanks to these diligent students of God's Word for sharing the Gospel according to St. Mark with the congregation! We look forward to seeing you in Bible Class!

### **SHORT NOTICE COLLECTION WITH BABY BOTTLES**

Thank you for supporting MOSAIC's baby bottle campaign. Please return your bottles by next Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE**

The Men's Club will present *The Little Mermaid* for kids of all ages on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, and snacks.

### **STUDENTS FROM IMMANUEL OKAWVILLE TO SING AT ZION**

Students from Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville, IL will be singing during the worship service at Zion, Mascoutah on Sunday, February 5, 2023. The students will be singing "Father, I Adore You" and "Let Us Love One Another." The Principal of Immanuel Lutheran School will also be at Zion to answer any questions you may have about Lutheran Education. If you are interested in providing a faithful, Christ-centered, Christian education for your children, please think about talking with the Principle on February 5 when we host the students from Immanuel Lutheran School.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED**

From January 22-February 1 of 2024, take a journey to walk in Jesus' footsteps on "A Miraculous Journey" to Israel, led by Pastor Clayton! We will spend several days in the Sea of Galilee area, visiting Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, and other sites associated with Jesus' earthly ministry. Then, we will transition to several days in the Jerusalem area, where we will visit the Western/Wailing Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, possible locations for Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and other historic sites in Jerusalem. We will also visit Bethlehem and Jericho, as well as travel to the Dead Sea region. The journey will be filled with faith-strengthening opportunities to consider Jesus' words and works in the context of the location where he walked and will also feature unique cultural experiences along the way. The journey also features an optional extension to Egypt from Feb. 1-4, 2024. For more information, or to register for this journey, please go to <https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/a-miraculous-journey/> or contact Pastor Clayton at [kmcljcuac@yahoo.com](mailto:kmcljcuac@yahoo.com). Information packets are available on the table under the church office window in the narthex at Zion. Join in this journey to experience the Christian faith where it all started.

### **MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG**

We are hosting a Men's Retreat on February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> and would love to see you and other congregation members there! The Men's Retreat will feature keynote speaker Jacob Youmans who is currently serving as a Professor of Ministry at Concordia University Texas and is a 5-time author. He will explore the topic, "Word Hard. Pray Hard." Men are encouraged to bring their sons as well (jr. high and older) if they would like. During the weekend, all meals will be provided and there will also be an opportunity to do some fun activities and/or a service project. Registration for the event is available online at [www.campwartburg.com](http://www.campwartburg.com). The cost \$60 to attend.

### **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**

KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Study John 6 on Sharper Iron's "Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), finish studying Esther and hear about Funeral Texts on Free-Text-Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.) and hear about the benefits of Baptism on Concord Matters (2/4 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app!

### **UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...**

Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview 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 celebration of National Lutheran Schools week where more than 200,000 students are receiving a Christian education.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Pinky Ahner  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Daniel Bretz & Tyler Hinton  
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix  
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 5**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Laith Fanous & Luke Lara  
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 IV w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	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
	Men's Club	6:00 PM

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