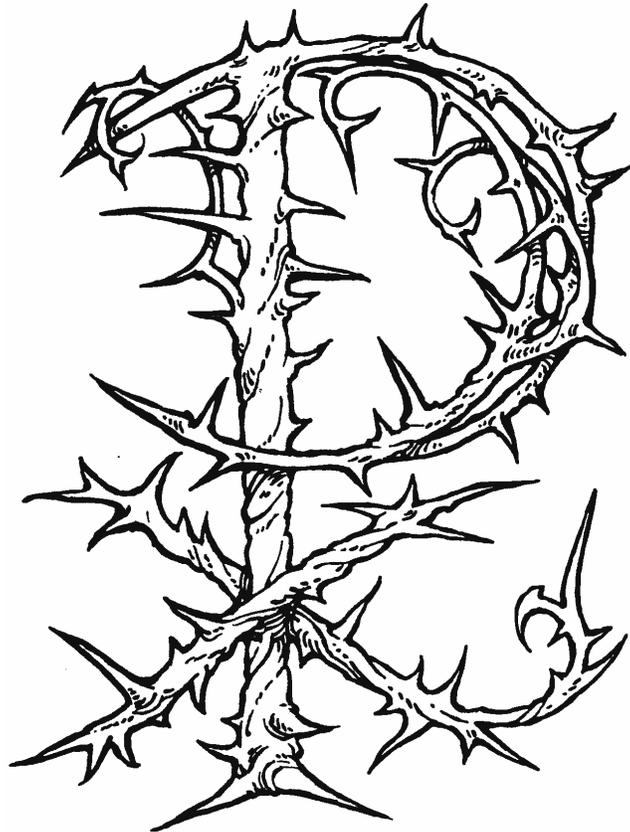


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
March 1, 2023
1st Lent Midweek Service



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 evening be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

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

Vespers

Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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Stand

Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



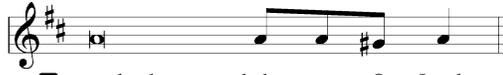
☐ O Lord, o - pen my lips,



☐ and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25:6-18

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me,

C for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

P Good and upright is the LORD;

C therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,

C and teaches the humble His way.

P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

P For Your name's sake, O LORD,

C pardon my guilt, for it is great.

P Who is the man who fears the LORD?

C Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.

P His soul shall abide in well-being,

C and his offspring shall inherit the land.

P The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,

C and He makes known to them His covenant.

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

P Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C for I am lonely and afflicted.

P The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

C bring me out of my distresses.

P Consider my affliction and my trouble,

C and forgive all my sins.

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.

Sit

Reading

Luke 23:25-34

He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447

(Stanzas 1-3)

- 1 Jesus, in Your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- 2 Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

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Sermon

Father Forgive Them

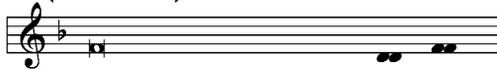
Offering

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Stand

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-
 joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

1 For He has re-garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way,
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spirit;

1 For be-hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be-ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen-er-ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt-ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A-men. *Refrain*

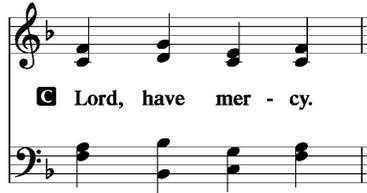
Prayer

Litany

LSB 249



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God!

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect For the First Sunday of Lent

P 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877

- 1** God, who made the earth and heaven, Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given, For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us, Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the night.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 2 **And when morn again shall call us To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us, Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us, In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us All through the day.**
- 3 **Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us With You on high.**

Stand

- 4 **Holy Father, throned in heaven, All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given, Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You, Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You While ages run.**

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Sit

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, PASTOR LUKOMSKI

Pastor John Lukomski served as pastor for 40 years at Trinity Lutheran in Darmstadt, IL and St. Paul Lutheran in New Athens, IL. He retired from that call May 2019. He has served in various positions in the Southern Illinois District including Board of Congregational Services, Circuit Visitor, 1st Vice-president and Mission Board Chairman. He is on KFUE radio Saturday morning on "Wrestling with the Basics" with co-host Rev. Matt Clark, "Moments on the Lighter Side" Monday afternoons, as well as a regular guest on "Thy Strong Word." He is also known to show up as a variety of characters (Martin Luther, St. Peter, even a donkey named Max). He is married to Lynn Lukomski, retired principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville. Between them they have 8 children and 11 grandchildren.

LENT SUPPERS

Lenten 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.

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

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 began today, March 1st. If you have a preschooler, you can contact me at zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com for more questions or check out our Facebook page!

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!

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 BALLWIN

The Annual Chicken Dinner at St. John Lutheran in Ballwin 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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. John Lukomski
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, 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

Wed.	Zion Service @Brightly	1:30 PM
	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.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	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
	Men's Club	6:00 PM