

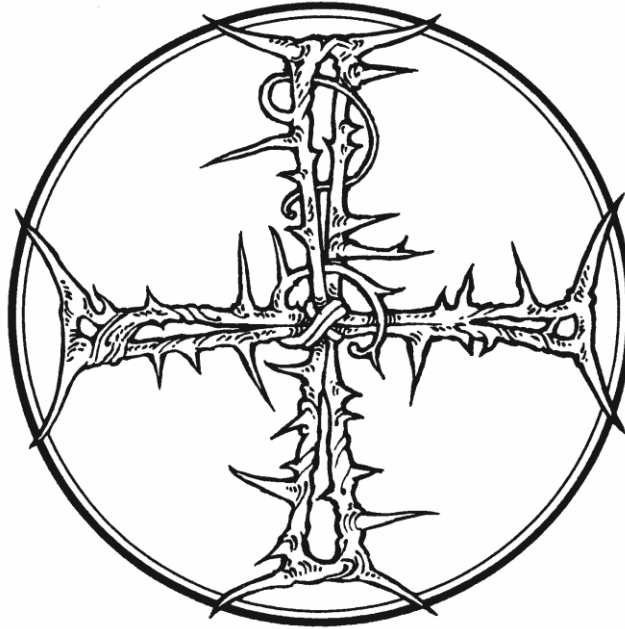
# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 5, 2023

*Oculi*

*“My Eyes Are Ever Toward the Lord”*



*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

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## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us sinners, alert us to answer Your call to follow You, and keep us from using our sinfulness as an excuse when You lead us to service to our neighbor or to martyrdom; who with the Father and the Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

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## Confession and Absolution

**Prelude**                                      **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**                                      **arr. Blersch**

**Hymn**    **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**                                      *LSB 594*

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**
  
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
  
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**
  
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**
  
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- (P)** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- (C)** Amen.

## Exhortation

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

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

## Confession with Absolution

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

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15–16*

- 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** To You, O LORD,  
**C** **I lift up my soul.**  
**P** O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**C** **let not my enemies exult over me.**  
**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.**  
**P** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
**C** **Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.**  
**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** 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.**

# Kyrie

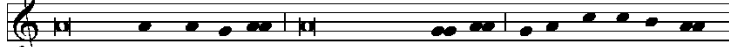
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



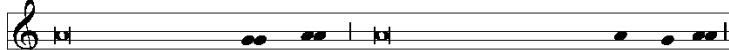
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



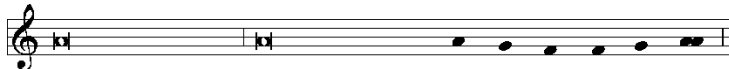
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



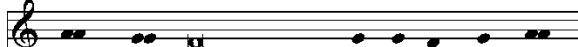
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## The Gloria in Excelsis Is Omitted for Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

*Jeremiah 26:1-15*

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**Thomerson**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:1-9*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

**P** My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

**C** Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**P** In You our fathers trusted;

**C** they trusted, and You delivered them.

**P** To You they cried and were rescued;

**C** in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 11:14-28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



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

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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



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

*Sit*

Hymn

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!**
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress, Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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Sermon

What Fills You?

*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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** In awe and wonder we appear before You, Lord God heavenly Father.
- C** **Your judgments are unsearchable and Your ways inscrutable.**
- P** We cannot understand why You chose the Israelites to be Your people.
- C** **Nor can we comprehend why You should be concerned about us, miserable offenders.**
- P** But we praise You for Your mercy and grace to the fallen children of men.
- C** **Accept our thanks for Your love, which reaches down from heaven and gives us salvation in Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** We confess, O Lord, that we have not always clearly identified Jesus Christ as Your Son.
- C** **The way we have used and not used the Office of the Keys leaves much to be desired.**
- P** We have not always shown the rocklike faith that should characterize those to whom You have given this power.
- C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to give us good judgment in the affairs of Your kingdom.**

### WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Carolyn Overmyer, Aileen Malcharek, Matthew Clayton, Mary Kay Krausz, Barbara Bretz, Leif Peterson, Doug Sax, Bristol Sax, and Tom Sax, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- ✠ Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

- P** Enable us to forgive as we have been forgiven, and bless us with Your continual presence.
- C** **This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen**

*Sit*

### Offering

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### Offertory

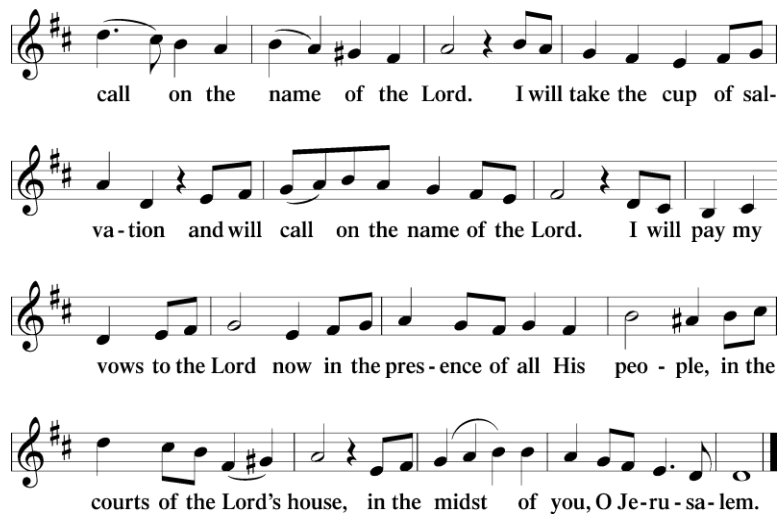
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**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va- tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres- ence of all His peo- ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je- ru- sa- lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 177



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al- so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 178



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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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

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

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

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

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

## Proclamation of Christ

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

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

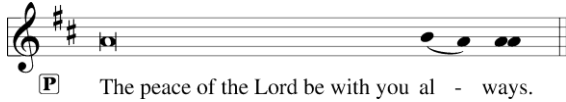
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final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

## Lord's Prayer

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

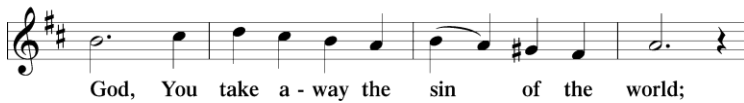
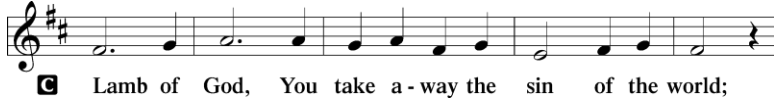
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## Agnus Dei

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## 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****The Infant Priest Was Holy Born***LSB 624*

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.**
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.**
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.**
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.**
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.**
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.**
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.**

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**Hymn****Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread***LSB 625*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.**
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.**
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.**
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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**ref** You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

- 1** As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;  
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. Refrain
- 2** With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude  
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. Refrain
- 3** Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
- 4** The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
- 5** You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. 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

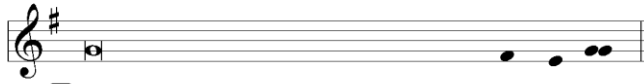
**P** Let us pray.

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.

## Benediction

LSB 183



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A - - - - - men.

*Sit*

## Hymn

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

- 1** Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.
- 2** Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
- 3** Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
- 4** I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Postlude

### Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal

arr. Hildebrand

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



### **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 15: Timmermans: Pulled Pork, dinner will be served in the basement.

March 22: Youth Group: Lasagna

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 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.

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST: 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to write essays for the Lutherans for Life Essay Contest. Please email entries to [pastor@zionmascoutah.org](mailto:pastor@zionmascoutah.org) by March 26<sup>th</sup>. Essays will be submitted for the Illinois competition. Rules and prizes are explained on the forms in the narthex. If you have any questions, please ask Lori Clayton.

### **CHILI SUPPER SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB - MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

Zion's Men's Club will be sponsoring a Chili Supper on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM. Options will include Chili, Chili Mac, Chili and Rice, Chili and Fritos, Chili Dogs, and various toppings. Desserts will also be available. A freewill offering will be collected.

### **HELP FILL EGGS FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

In preparation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Board of Education, we need to get plastic eggs filled with treats or trinkets, or even coins if you wish. Please help us out by taking a bag or 2 of plastic eggs to fill. The eggs are pre-counted and stuffed in baggies, waiting to be picked up in the Narthex. We need bags of eggs back by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a basket for the "filled" eggs. Thank you.

### **SIGN-UP FOR ZION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

It's almost time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This fun event will be held Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Please sign your children up on the list on the table in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will offer breakfast items, activities, and of course the ever-fun Easter Egg Hunt!

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER - TODAY**

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington, Millstadt, IL will be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner today, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN IN BALLWIN - TODAY**

The Annual Chicken Dinner at St. John Lutheran in Ballwin will be held today, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Chamber Orchestra from Concordia University, Chicago will be giving a concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah at 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 26, 2023. The Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Maurice Boyer, is made up of 23 musicians from across the country studying at Concordia Chicago, playing outstanding music from the symphonic repertoire. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected to support the Chamber Orchestra. Please put this event on your calendar and make plans to attend this wonderful musical opportunity on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 PM.

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

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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 by the Timmerman family, in celebration of March birthdays.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Luke Lara & Lola Simon  
Altar Guild: Jenny Kneschke & Jordan Rehfeldt  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

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

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

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Laith Fanous  
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 II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<b><i>ECHO DEADLINE</i></b>	
Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Third Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 5:** Sunday: 154  
Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 5 Sunday School: 41

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 8:** Wednesday: 62