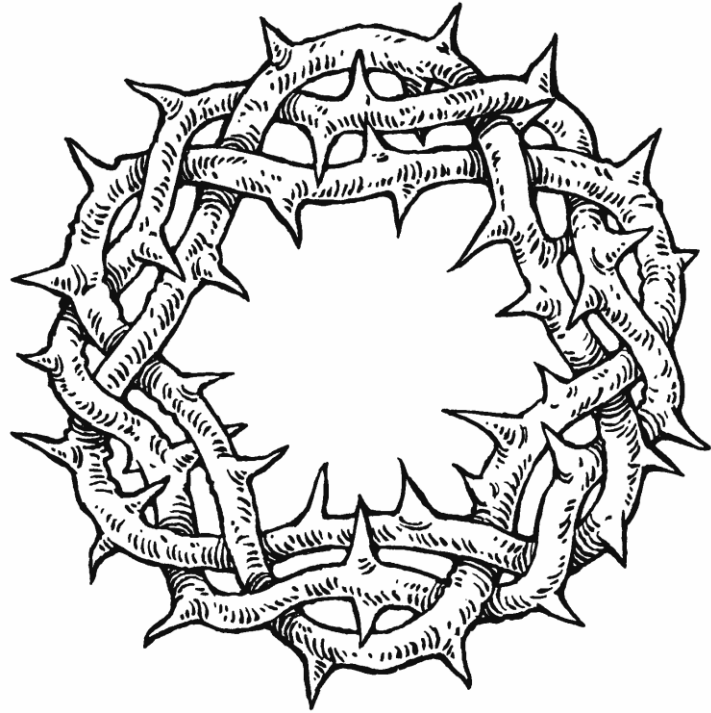


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
March 15, 2023
3rd Lent Midweek Service



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

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

(Stanzas 1,3,5,7,12,14,15)

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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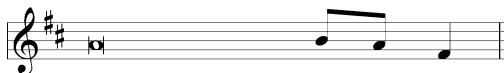
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Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*

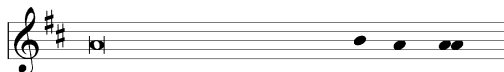
LSB 229



☪ O Lord, o - pen my lips,



☐ and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



☪ 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 16

P Preserve me, O God,

C for in You I take refuge.

P I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

C I have no good apart from You.”

P As for the saints in the land,

C they are the excellent ones,

P in whom is all my delight.

C The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

P their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out

C or take their names on my lips.

P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C You hold my lot.

P The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C in the night also my heart instructs me.

P I have set the LORD always before me;

C because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C my flesh also dwells secure.

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C or let Your holy one see corruption.

P You make known to me the path of life;

C in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 23:35-43

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Lent Responsory

LSB 231



L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Hymn

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447

(Stanzas 4-6)

- 4 Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 6 May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.

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Sermon

Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise

Offering

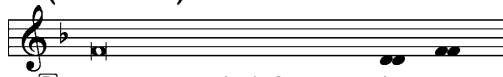
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Stand

Canticle

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.

Magnificat

LSB 248

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*

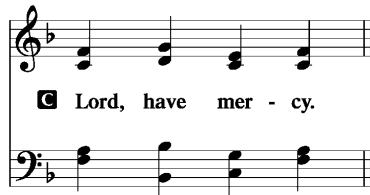
Prayer

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 Third Sunday of Lent

P 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.

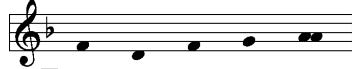
Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

P 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

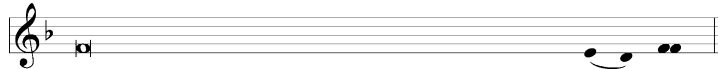


L Let us bless the Lord.



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

- 1 Now rest beneath night's shadow The woodland, field, and meadow;
The world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaking
And prayer and music making, Let praise to your Creator rise.
- 2 The radiant sun has vanished, Its golden rays are banished
From dark'ning skies of night; But Christ, the Sun of gladness,
Dispelling all our sadness, Shines down on us in warmest light.
- 3 Now all the heav'nly splendor Breaks forth in starlight tender
From myriad worlds unknown; And we, this marvel seeing,
Forget our selfish being For joy of beauty not our own.
- 4 Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me
And shield me from alarm. Though Satan would devour me,
Let angel guards sing o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
- 5 My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely
From peril guard your heads. Sweet slumbers may He send you
And bid His hosts attend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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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 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.

HANGING POSTERS FOR ORCHESTRA CONCERT

If you have a business in Mascoutah or know of places in town that have public bulletin boards, would you be willing to hang a poster for the Chamber Orchestra Concert to be held at Zion on March 26? Several copies of the posters are on the counters in the Narthex. Thanks for helping publicize this event!

CHILI SUPPER SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB - MARCH 25th

Zion's Men's Club will be sponsoring a Chili Supper on Saturday, March 25th 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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST: 6th – 12th GRADE STUDENTS

Students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to write essays for the Lutherans for Life Essay Contest. Please email entries to pastor@zionmascoutah.org by March 26th. 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.

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 26th. 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 1st 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 26th. We will offer breakfast items, activities, and of course the ever-fun Easter Egg Hunt!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody couldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

OH NO! You know what is coming! Something needs to be done and we are looking for some Nobody's to do it!!!! Do you love children? Wow! Do we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for help with Summer Sunday School. Could you help one Sunday or a month of Sundays? Please talk to Marianne McDaniel or Anna Pannier. We will have lessons for you to teach. Can you help us? We are also looking for a VBS coordinator. You can help choose the week of VBS! This is a big task, but it is one week of commitment to be here for VBS. The kids love VBS, but it can't happen without YOU! Marsha Baro did this job last year and I have done it in the past. Please talk to either one of us if you want to know what is involved.

MASCOUTAH SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an open house to celebrate the opening of our remodeled kitchen on March 19th from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served! Everyone in the community is welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT MARCH 26th

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 a 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.

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 19

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
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THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

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