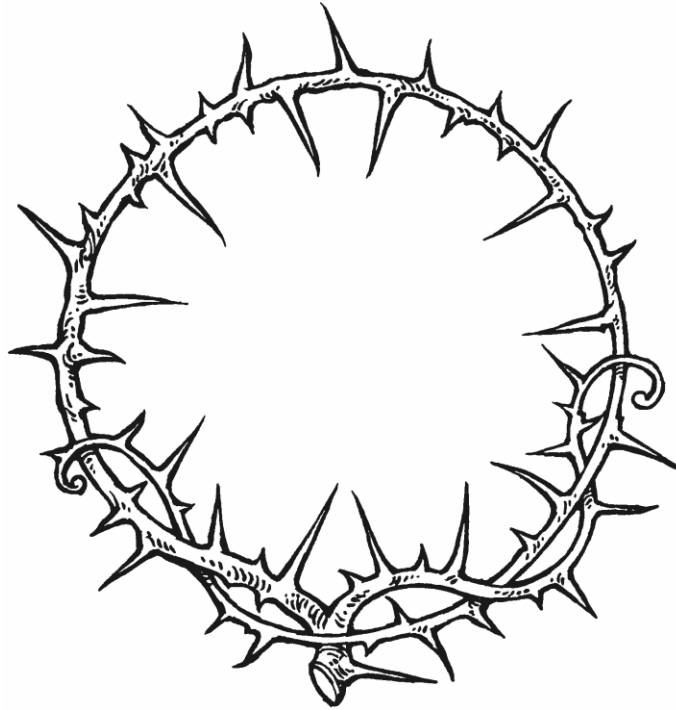


# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 8, 2023

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*



**Pastor: Rev. Kirk Clayton**

**Church Secretary: Robin Phillips**

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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

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

LSB 430

*(Stanzas 1-3; 6, 7)*

- 1 **My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**
  
- 2 **He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!**
  
- 3 **Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.**
  
- 6 **In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**
  
- 7 **Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

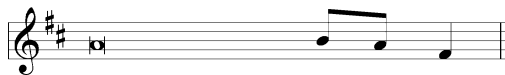
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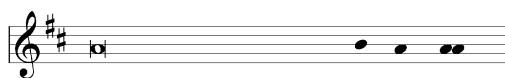
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**G** 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 8*

**P** O LORD, our Lord,

**C** how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**P** You have set Your glory above the heavens.

**C** Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

**P** You have established strength because of Your foes,

**C** to still the enemy and the avenger.

**P** When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C** the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

**P** what is man that You are mindful of him,

**C** and the son of man that You care for him?

**P** Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**C** and crowned him with glory and honor.

**P** You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

**C** You have put all things under his feet,

**P** all sheep and oxen,

**C** and also the beasts of the field,

**P** the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

**C** whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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** O LORD, our Lord,

**C** how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Genesis 3:8-15*

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she

gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
He shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise His heel.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Exodus 20:12*

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Third Reading

*John 19:16b-27*

So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# 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 empty away,  
 5 and to the Holy 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 beginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.  
 2 from generation to generation. *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 Second Sunday of Lent

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

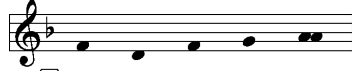
### Lord's Prayer

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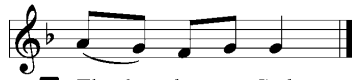
**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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

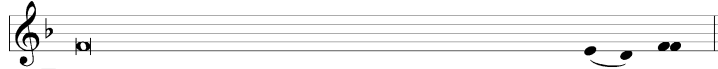


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction



**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\dagger$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Hymn

### Abide with Me

LSB 878

- 1** Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2** I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 3** Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.



- 4 **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 5 **I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**
- 6 **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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**LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**  
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**WELCOME, PASTOR KESEMAN**

Pastor Bruce Keseman has served Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg for the past 31 years. His wife Christine, a teacher, organist, pianist, and flutist, is Director of Music at Christ Our Savior. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Their son Andrew and his wife Linsey are Lutheran teachers in Nebraska. Their daughter Hannah (graphic designer) and son-in-law Erik (music teacher) live in Mascoutah. Their daughter Rachel teaches kindergarten at a Lutheran school in Missouri. Pastor Keseman likes to read, camp, hike, and run. He serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary-St. Louis. We welcome Pastor Keseman this evening.

**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. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up.

- March 8: Hoskins, Claytons, & Friends: Soups, dinner will be served in the basement.
- March 15: Timmermans: Pulled Pork, dinner will be served in the basement.
- 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 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.

**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!

**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!

**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 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. Bruce Keseman  
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

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

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Second Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class on Zoom & In-Person	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM