

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

May 14, 2023

Rogate

(Ask and You Will Receive)



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Heavenly Father, through whose heart love flows freely to the heart of Jesus, whose great heart in turn embraces all people, let us love in our turn and so make our humble contribution to the peace and unity You desire for all mankind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude Lift High the Cross arr. Charles Ore

Hymn Lift High the Cross *LSB 837*

ref **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**

**3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**

**4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**

**5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

**6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b

P With a voice of singing, declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

C The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C sing the glory of His name.

P I cried to Him with my mouth,

C and high praise was on my tongue.

P But truly God has listened;

C He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

P Blessed be God,

C because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

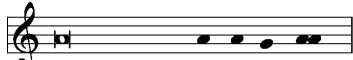
P With a voice of singing, declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

C The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

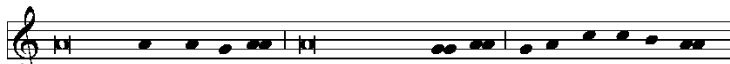
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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.



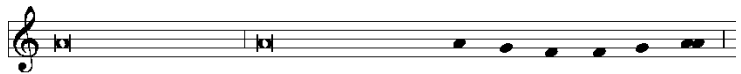
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



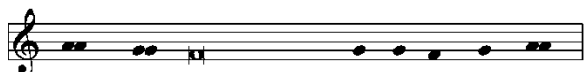
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



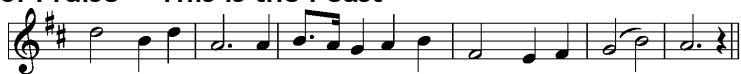
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–6

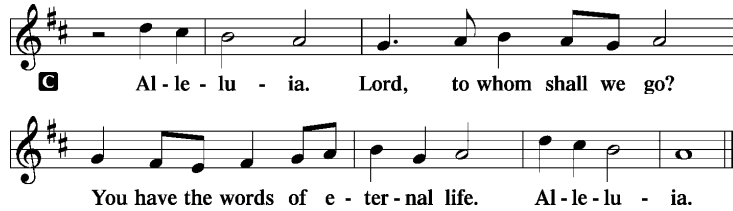
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:23-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.




C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

- 1** Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2** Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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Sermon

The World Was Not Worthy

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 Since the beginning of time, O Lord, You have spoken to humanity.

C Even though people have sought to silence Your voice, You have pierced the vale of silence with Your powerful Word.

P Through Moses and the prophets You made Your will known among us.

C When Your messages were ignored, You miraculously embodied Your Word in the person of Jesus Christ.

P Again some tried to still Your voice by nailing Your Word to a cross,

C but You could not be silenced.

P You raised Your "Word made flesh" from the dead so that many have heard the message.

C We thank You, Lord, that we have heard the message through Christ.

P Many have been the heroes and saints who have, at great personal sacrifice, handed the Gospel on to us today.

C Many sacrificed their lives in the defense of Your truth and the Gospel.

P In spite of their efforts, however, human barriers have often curtailed the free distribution, teaching, and preaching of Your Word.

C Many times Your Word has been buried under the rubble of man-made laws and traditions.

P But You have always brought forth one of Your chosen servants to restore Your Word.

C For giving us such men to lead us out of spiritual darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel, we give You thanks.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Lionel Timmerman, David Hinrichs, Debbie Root, Luke Lara, and Isabeau Harris, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † All mothers, that they may be faithful models of faith for their children to follow after them.
- † Parents who have suffered the death of children, that they may have peace in the hope of Jesus' resurrection.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

P Be with the lonely, comfort the sick, and bring the assurance of Your forgiveness to the penitent.

C We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sit

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Stand

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 ✝ 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 ✝ 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.

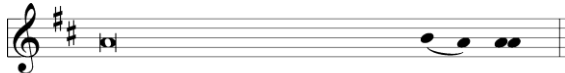
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

Pax Domini

LSB 180



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



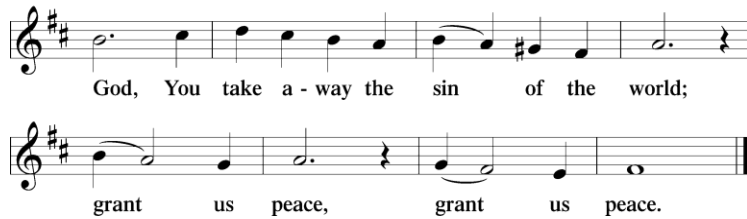
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



Sit

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

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

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Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

- 2 **King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3 **Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.**
- 4 **At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

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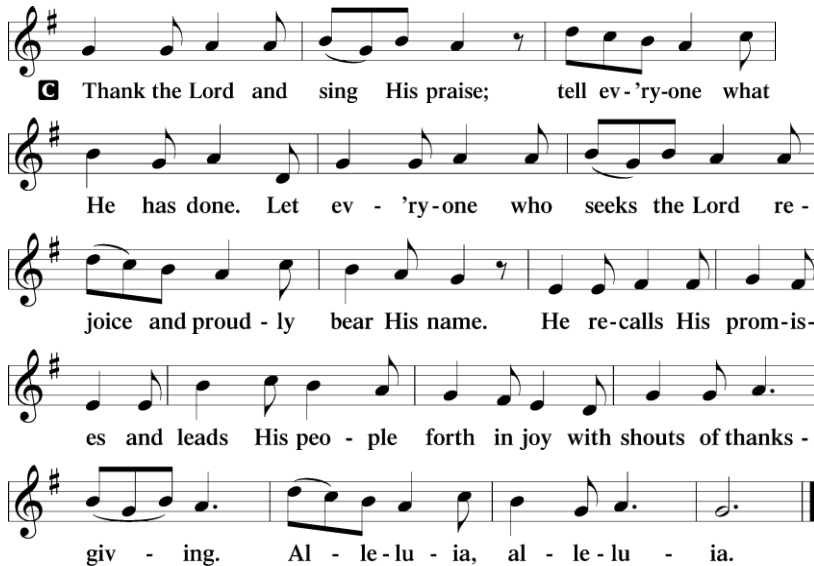
The Dismissal

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

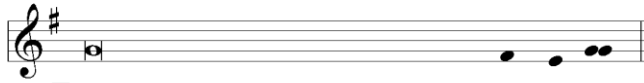
P Let us pray.

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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.**
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.**
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.**
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



COMMUNION FREQUENCY SURVEY

For the last several months, Zion's Board of Elders has been praying about and discussing the frequency of Communion at Zion, how often we have the opportunity to receive the Lord's blessings in the Lord's Supper. On May 21 and 28, survey sheets will be available with the bulletins to gauge how strong of an interest there is in the congregation to move toward more frequent opportunities to receive God's grace and blessings in the Lord's Supper. (This is not a vote with 51 percent determining the outcome, this is a survey to gauge the thoughts of the congregation and to serve as the basis of future consideration and discussion.) This survey will be open to all confirmed members of Zion, all who are eligible to receive the Lord's Supper. Please fill out one survey and submit it in the glass jars at the back of the sanctuary on May 21 or May 28. Thank you for your input.

SOUND TECH NEEDED MAY 28

We will need a sound tech/video tech on Sunday, May 28. If you are able to serve that day, please talk with Pastor Clayton, and arrange a time to receive training. Thanks!

LAST CHANCE TO ADD TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OFFERING

The contribution jars are out again today to collect gifts for the "Concordia the Reformer" Seminary in the Dominican Republic. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute and would like to do so, please place your financial gift in the jars at the back of the sanctuary today. So far, the offerings total over \$2700! Thanks, and praise be to God!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SEDWICK

This is your Chaplain speaking: in last Sunday's bulletin I attempted to make a joke about having accepted the call to serve the Dual Parish of Immanuel/St. Paul in Steeleville (totally out of character, of course!). God's people at the Dual Parish are not heading for the hills--looking for a new church home. They are rejoicing; I am rejoicing. And we continue to lift up God's people at Faith Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon, IL who wait patiently upon the Lord to bring them a pastor.

LOST CONFIRMATION PHOTO BOOK

Zion's Confirmation photo book is still missing. If you possibly have it or know where it might be, please let us know. Thanks.

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!

ASCENSION SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DES PERES – MAY 18th

Please join us for our Ascension Service with festival music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Des Peres on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Christ's coronation, marking His return to the right hand of the throne of God. Festival Divine Service with choral music, full orchestra, Word and Sacrament. Strawberry Social following the service. All are welcome. Read more at stpaulsdesperes.org/music.

JOB OPENING - TRINITY LUTHERAN, EDWARDSVILLE

Trinity Lutheran in Edwardsville is hiring a first-grade classroom teacher. Teachers are required to have or acquire an Illinois Teacher's License. To apply please email resume to principal: Ken Krueger at kkruieger@trinitylutheranministries.org or call 618-656-7002 for more info. Following interviews, applicants must provide: Teaching license, Transcripts, and 3 references. Position application closes Aug 1, 2023.

19th ANNUAL BOB STREUTER MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Southern Illinois District is looking for golfers to play in the 19th Annual Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Scramble on Sat., June 10th, at RMB Golf Course in Okawville. Profits are used to give students financial grants if they are enrolled in one of our LCMS Universities or Seminaries and studying to be a full-time church worker. This year our planning committee decided to add sponsorship categories/amounts to support the tournament and the Student Aid Endowment Fund. Sponsorship forms are on the counter in the narthex. For more info call Dan Roth at 618-972-8087, Wally Streuter at 618-973-8377, or Ruth Waeltz at 618-317-2678.

PASTORS IN NORWAY MISSION PROJECT - 4,308 MILE VIRTUAL RUN/WALK

May 1-July 31, 2023, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Troy IL will be hosting a virtual distance challenge from May to July to help raise funds for the efforts of the new pastors heading to Norway to help rebuild the church and assist in humanitarian efforts. The distance challenge will be like a combined 5k, except the distance we are hoping to collectively achieve will be the distance from St. Louis to Oslo Norway, or 4,308 miles. There will be prizes for the top group and top individual participants who walk/run the longest distance. Sign-up now to begin logging your distances on May 1st. Everyone who registers will receive a T-shirt. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Troy/Pastors4Norway>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Lutheran Hour Ministry of the Southern Illinois District has scholarships available for college juniors or older who are going into church work. If interested, please contact Steve Kasten at smkasten@netwitz.net or at 21237 Sassafras Road, Hoyleton, IL 62803. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

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THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS...

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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 in celebration of Mother's Day and from the family of Mary Lou Klingelhoefler in loving memory of her.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Lola Simon & Lily McDaniel
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MAY 21

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Brady Twenhafel
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>ECHO DEADLINE</i>	
Tues.	<i>Last Day of Preschool</i>	
	Preschool Graduation	6:30 PM
Wed.	Choir Banquet @ Reifschneider's	6:30 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.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE MAY 7: Sunday: 125
Adult Bible Class: 13 High School: 5 Sunday School: 40