

**37th Annual  
Community  
Memorial Day  
Observance**

**Zion Lutheran Church – 9:00 AM  
May 29, 2023**



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**101 South Railway – Mascoutah, Illinois**

**Service Time: Sunday 10:00 AM**

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## Greeting and Welcome

*Stand*

## Posting of the Colors

## The National Anthem

*(THE ASSEMBLY IS ASKED TO SING ALONG!)*

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O, thus be it ever when free men shall stand,  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"  
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

## Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
Of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic, for which it stands,  
One nation, under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.

*Sit*

## Greetings

*Stand*

## Song

### Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count-



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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### **Invocation**    **L**=Leader, **C**=Congregation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- L** We hold up before You, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sanctifier, all of our loved ones who have passed from earth into eternity.
- C** Especially, we remember those who have laid down their lives that others might live. Keep them for us. Keep them in our memories. Keep them in our hearts.
- L** And grant us the assurance that all who fall asleep in faith in Jesus Christ
- C** Shall rise to be reunited around the Father's throne. Amen.

### **Prayer**

- L** O Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm
- C** To strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country.
- L** Support them in times of war,
- C** And in times of peace keep them from all evil,
- L** Giving them courage and loyalty
- C** And granting that in all things they may serve honestly and without reproach;
- L** Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **The Soldier's Psalm**

*Psalm 91*

- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
- C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- L** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
- C** my God, in whom I trust."
- L** For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
- C** and from the deadly pestilence.
- L** He will cover you with His pinions,
- C** and under His wings you will find refuge;
- L** His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- C** You will not fear the terror of the night,

**L** nor the arrow that flies by day,  
**C** **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,**  
**L** nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.  
**C** **A thousand may fall at your side,**  
**L** ten thousand at your right hand,  
**C** **but it will not come near you.**  
**L** You will only look with your eyes  
**C** **and see the recompense of the wicked.**  
**L** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
**L** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**C** **no plague come near your tent.**  
**L** For He will command His angels concerning you  
**C** **to guard you in all your ways.**  
**L** On their hands they will bear you up,  
**C** **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
**L** You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**C** **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**  
**L** “Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him;  
**C** **I will protect him, because he knows My name.**  
**L** When he calls to Me, I will answer him;  
**C** **I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.**  
**L** With long life I will satisfy him  
**C** **and show him my salvation.”**  
**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.**

## **First Reading**

*1 Samuel 7:3-12*

And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, “If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroath from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroath, and they served the Lord only. Then Samuel said, “Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you.” So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, “We have sinned against the Lord.” And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. And the people of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.” So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. And Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him. As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the Lord has helped us.”

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 8:31-39*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep

to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Third Reading

*Matthew 8:5-10, 13*

When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, appealing to Him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And He said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who followed Him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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*Stand*

### Song

### God of Grace and God of Glory

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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## Message (MSgt Lee Hinton, USAF, Retired)

Alicia “Lee” Hinton served 20 years with the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant in June of 2019. During her tenure with the U.S. Air Force, she served as a weather forecaster supporting many different aircraft and units throughout Air Mobility Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Central Command. She also served a one-year special duty assignment as an Inspector General for the 618 Air Operations Center. She culminated her career as the Manager of Weather Policy and Standardization, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Her assignments included Delaware, Guam, Mississippi, Illinois (twice), Alaska, and Japan. During her career, she deployed six times in support of Operations JOINT GUARDIAN, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Her deployments included Kosovo, Spain, Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, and Turkey.

After retiring from the military, Lee began working for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Ministry to the Armed Forces. In this position, she supports all LCMS chaplains and military personnel by providing religious materials, setting up training events, and overseeing multiple programs, such as Ministry-by-Mail, Adopt-A-Chap, and Operation Barnabas. She also helps LCMS pastors interested in becoming chaplains in the military, Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard Auxiliary, or Department of Veterans Affairs navigate the ecclesiastical endorsement process.

Originally from Staten Island, New York, Lee is married to her high school sweetheart, Thomas. They have three amazing children, Kayla, Tyler, and Ryan. Lee enjoys spending time with her family, reading, learning new things, and traveling. Lee and her family reside in O’Fallon, Illinois and are active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, Illinois.

*Stand*

## Responsive Prayer

- L** Oh God, our gracious Father and Redeemer,
- C** **We thank You that You inhabit eternity and hold all the ages in Your hand, that one day is as a thousand years with You, and a thousand years as one day; yet You recognize, enter, and operate within our world and standards of time.**
- L** On this another Memorial Day, mindful of our own frailty and brevity of time on this earth,
- C** **We sincerely thank You for all the brave men and women who have given their all in the midst of serving to save us and our nation, so that we might continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**
- L** We all too often do not properly and reverently focus on the deep and abiding gratitude we owe to these men and women of our Armed Services for the sacrifices of the past, the present and the future.
- C** **Confessing this sad truth, we pray that You would awaken us and all of our fellow citizens to discern Your blessings bestowed on us through the sacrifices of our military and their families.**
- L** Work in us true appreciation for the sacrifices of the past
- C** **So that we might properly support those who serve You and our nation in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, and the Coast Guard.**
- L** Have mercy upon us, O God, in these perilous days when war clouds seem to gather ever more quickly over our world.
- C** **Frustrate all those who keep the stress of hatred, violence, terrorism, and oppression upon us, and enable us to defend against such evils and cast freedom's light to them.**
- L** O Creator and Ruler of all that is and ever will be,
- C** **Bless the leaders of our land, especially bless our President and Commander-in-Chief and all those in authority that they may use the authority You have entrusted to them, for the blessing of our land and our nation.**
- L** Defeat, O Lord, those individuals, organizations, principalities and powers who seek to destroy our nation by lawlessness, crime, terrorist attacks, immorality, intemperance, and materialism.
- C** **Give us spiritual strength and discernment to stand against all such evils and to preserve the fruits of peace for our children and grandchildren and future generations yet unborn.**
- L** We remember this day also those who have lost their lives during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**C** Comfort the families of all and keep them in Your care.

**L** We thank You most of all for the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus Christ upon the cross for our sins to reconcile us to God and to redeem us from all iniquity.

**C** May this day and its memories deepen our appreciation of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who preserved our nation through the gift of such men and women that gave their lives to secure ours.

**L** All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Song

## God Bless Our Native Land

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1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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## Order of Remembrance

**L** We remember those who have served, those who have sacrificed, those who have given their life in defense of our nation and our world.

**C** They were not lost, they were not taken, they were soldiers in service to their country. Thanks be to God, Amen.

## Silent Reflection and Prayers

*Stand*

## Song

### God of Our Fathers



1 God of our Fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence  
4 Re - fresh Your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Make Your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies;  
Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Your throne a - rise.  
Your Word our law, Your paths our cho - sen way.  
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
Un - til at last we meet be - fore Your face.

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## Special Reading (“Come Visit My Grave” - TJ Williams)

### Expressions of Gratitude

*Stand*

### Closing Blessing

**L** The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God and Savior of the world, direct all our days and our deeds in His peace!

**C** Amen.

### Playing of Taps

### Retiring of the Colors



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### **Those Who Served Today**

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*GUEST: Ray Feltmeyer, Sr Vice Commander, AmVets Post 161*  
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