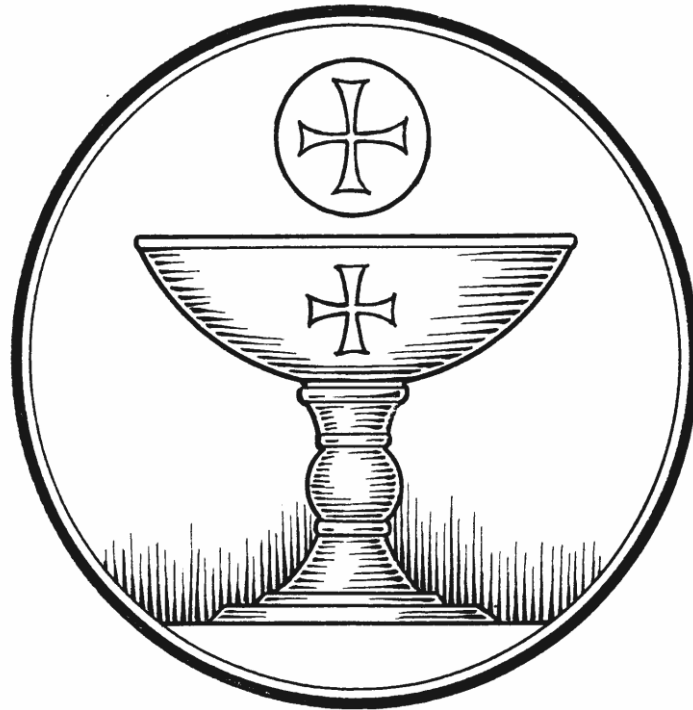


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

June 18, 2023

Second Sunday after Trinity



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

We pray You, merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father through Jesus Christ, fill the clamoring needs of our souls, the pangs of our bodies, and the yearning of our intellect with Christ, for we are whole and free only as He meets us in our bondage and our helplessness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Hymn

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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Stand

Holy Baptism

(Due to the fact that this is a worship service, held in God's House, conducted before His Altar, we respectfully request that no flash photographs be taken during the Baptism. Thank you for respecting the reverence of worship.)

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R Emmett Ronin Farmer

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

P Emmett Ronin Farmer, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Emmett Ronin Farmer according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

P Is it your intention to serve Emmett Ronin Farmer as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R Yes, with the help of God.

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

When a candidate for Baptism is too young to answer the following questions, the child's parents and sponsors faithfully answer the questions addressed to the child on behalf of the one under their care:

- P** Emmett Ronin Farmer, do you renounce the devil?
R *Yes, I renounce him.*
P Do you renounce all his works?
R *Yes, I renounce them.*
P Do you renounce all his ways?
R *Yes, I renounce them.*
P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
R *Yes, I believe.*
P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
R *Yes, I believe.*
P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
R *Yes, I believe.*
P Emmett Ronin Farmer, do you desire to be baptized?
R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

- P** Emmett Ronin Farmer, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.
C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Emmett Ronin Farmer the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

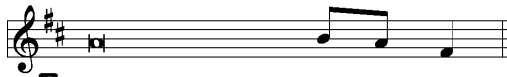
C Amen.

Versicles

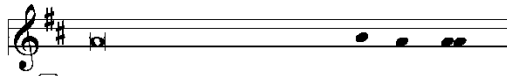
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C 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.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

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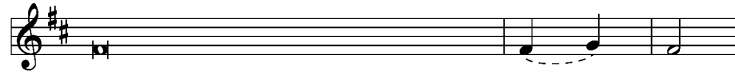
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



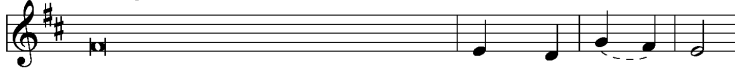
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

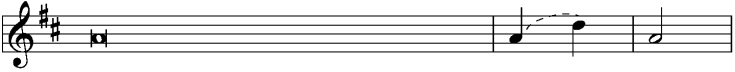
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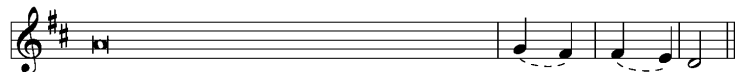
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

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L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 34:12-22

- P** What man is there who desires life
- C** and loves many days, that he may see good?
- P** Keep your tongue from evil
- C** and your lips from speaking deceit.
- P** Turn away from evil and do good;
- C** seek peace and pursue it.
- P** The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
- C** and His ears toward their cry.
- P** The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
- C** to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- P** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
- C** and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- P** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
- C** and saves the crushed in spirit.
- P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- P** He keeps all his bones;
- C** not one of them is broken.
- P** Affliction will slay the wicked,

C and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

P The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

C none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

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

Hymn

I'm But a Stranger Here

LSB 748

- 1 I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
- 2 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
- 3 Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

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First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

Luke 14:15–24

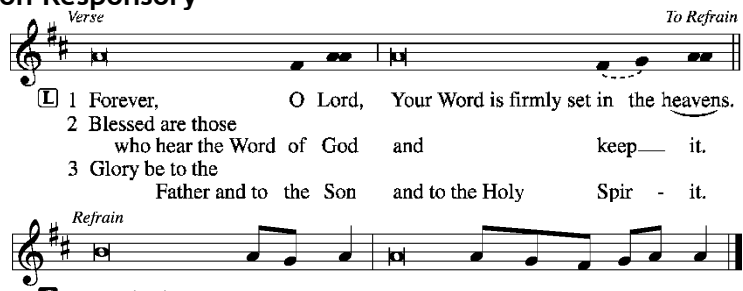
When one of those who reclined at table with [Jesus] heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” But He said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responory

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Verse *To Refrain*

L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Children’s Lunchbox Devotion

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.

Sermon

Come, Celebrate at the Feast

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

Canticle

Te Deum - We Praise You and Acknowledge You

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
"O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,

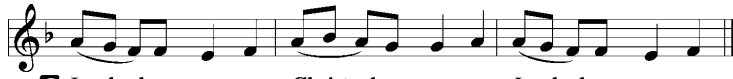


Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Blessed be Your name forevermore, O Lord.

C From the rising of the sun to the setting of it, we praise You, O God.

P You are high above all the nations and Your glory above the heavens.

C The revelation of Your glory and majesty makes us realize how insignificant we sinful mortals really are.

P We wonder with the psalmist, "What is man that You are mindful of him and the Son of Man that You visit him?"

C Yet You did visit us in the person of Jesus Christ.

P For this we give You humble and hearty thanks.

C Words fail us when we try to express to You our praise.

P The good tidings that You will forgive and forget our sins when we come to You in Your Son's name is music to our ears.

C We confess that we have often mourned when we should have rejoiced.

P Forgive us, O Lord, and accept our thanks for sending us Your Son Jesus Christ.

C He has bound up the broken hearted, freed us from slavery to sin, and given us the oil of gladness and mantle of praise for the faint spirit.

P In gratitude for such mercies may we be Your feet to carry Your Word to others, Your hands to help in time of need, and Your mouth to speak the Good News.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Amanda Bigley, Kathryn Underwood, Maya Baro, and Lilah Fanous, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

✠ Emmett Ronin Farmer, as he is baptized today.

✠ All fathers, that they may be faithful models of faith for their children to follow them.

✠ Rain for the crops.

✠ Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.

✠ Faithfulness in support of world missions.

P May the world in which we live be moved to respond favorably to our testimony.

C In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

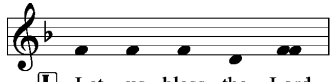
Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

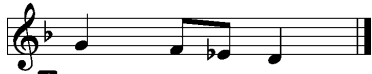
C Amen.

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - - men.

Sit

Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

- 1** Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2** Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3** Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WE WELCOME EMMETT RONIN FARMER

Congratulations to Hayden and Alexandria Farmer on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Emmett Ronin Farmer. Emmett's sponsors are Ronda Whippo, Great Aunt and Richard Niemerg, Great Uncle. Welcome, Emmett!

LOCKING THE CHURCH DOORS

Please make sure if you are the last one to leave the church and lock the doors that you push them closed and make sure they are latched. We have had several instances where the church door was not latched and was left unlocked. Thanks!

PASTOR SEDWICK'S CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE IN JULY

Pastor Sedwick will be filling in at Zion while Pastor Clayton is gone in July for vacation (including taking a 2-week course on Christian Apologetics) and for attending the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee from July 28-August 3. If you need pastoral care in July and into the first week of August, please contact Pastor Sedwick. Pastor Sedwick's email is john.m.sedwick@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 618-767-4682, in case you need to contact him.

WELCOME MEAL FOR SEM. ROB AND ANNIE LAIRD ON JUNE 25

In order to welcome Sem. Rob and Annie Laird and their family, and to get to know them better, Zion will be hosting a meal after church on Sunday, June 25. This meal will be a picnic-style meal with hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and side dishes. The meal will be held in the gym immediately following the Divine Service on June 25. Please come, join in the meal, and meet our new Seminarian and his family!

PANTRY SHOWER FOR SEMINARIAN ROB AND ANNIE LAIRD AND THEIR FAMILY

The Lairds and their four (soon to be five) children have all arrived in Mascoutah. We want to welcome them with a pantry shower to replenish all the items they had to leave behind in Wisconsin. Please check out the list in the narthex in front of the large box to see items they are in need of. We will collect the entire month of June. Please note if you buy multiples of anything, indicate numbers so others may purchase another needed item. WELCOME TO THE LAIRDS!

GET TO KNOW SEM. ROB AND ANNIE LAIRD

Sem. Rob Laird originally hails from Tampa, FL. He was accepted into the US Naval Academy, Class of 2000, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering, and went on to earn another bachelor's and his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2006. Rob served over 20 years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy with assignments aboard various guided missile destroyers, mine countermeasure ships, and an amphibious landing ship. Although each assignment had its own triumphs and challenges, his most notable tours of duty were when he was the Captain of USS MOMSEN (DDG 92), USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11), USS WARRIOR (MCM 10), and USS CHIEF (MCM 14), and the Chief Engineer in USS GREEN BAY (LPD 20). Rob also taught two years of physics and history at the Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School from 2021 to 2023. Rob married the former Anne MacGillis of Brookfield, WI in 2001. They have been blessed with four children, Clara (17), Lucy (10), Stella (9), Agnes (3), and another due to arrive in July. The Lairds reside in Mascoutah, IL where Anne is a practicing Certified Nurse Midwife.

VBS REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

VBS's theme this year is Twists and Turns. It will be June 26-30 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. A light dinner will be provided for participants and volunteers at 5:30. Volunteers can sign up in the narthex or at <https://bit.ly/2023-zion-vbs> and participants can sign up on the church website or at <https://www.zionmascoutah.org/vacation-bible-school/>. VBS will be open to children ages 3-finishing 5th grade.

VBS MISSION

This year's VBS mission is a little different. We're making soup jars to donate to the Mascoutah Food Pantry. This year our goal is going to be set by the congregation. This means that we need donations of 32 oz. mason jars with lids. The number of jars we receive will be our goal to fill with our VBS offering. Let's set the goal high this year!

ZION'S HOMECOMING FLOAT UPDATE

We are looking for 2 or 3 individuals to assemble the skirt of the float on a hay wagon. We have some materials and will get whatever other materials are needed. We just need a few people to attach a wooden skirt to the float's wagon. This wooden skirt will then be decorated by others. If you would be willing to help, please contact Gail Frey at 618-806-7294 or Bessie Fick at 515-230-9937.

HELP NEEDED FOR JULY 4th FOOD BOOTH

Zion's Men's Club will have a food booth at the Mascoutah July 4th celebration, and we need HELP (cooking, serving, cleaning up), 4:30-8:30. Volunteers can sign up by the office window in the narthex. Thanks!

CARILLON CONCERTS AT THE SEMINARY ON TUESDAYS IN JUNE

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis hosts free Carillon Concerts each Tuesday in June, starting at 7:00 PM. The concerts are held outdoors, and attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on the grass in the Main Quad and enjoy the concerts, which last about an hour. Attendees are also welcome to bring snacks and drinks if they would like. Concordia Seminary is located at 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO, 63105.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

Zion will be participating in the summer lunch program again this year. Zion's week will be July 24-28. There are three ways you can help. We need donations in order to buy the food needed. Please consider donating. You can put your donations in the sack on the table in the narthex. We need volunteers to help make sandwiches and fill the sacks, and/or drive the lunches to designated drop off points. This takes only a few hours in the morning, starting around 9 or 9:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please volunteer for one or more days. Ideally, we need four volunteers to help in the kitchen. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Gail Frey, home: 618-566-7294 or cell: 618-806-7294.

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Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. He helps us know His ways and teaches us His paths. (Psalm 25:4) Following Jesus changes everything!

Vacation Bible School begins: June 26-30 from 5:30 to 8 - dinner
for participants and volunteers

(date and time)

Zion Lutheran Church

(church name)

101 S Railway St., Mascoutah

(church address)

For more information, call: Abby McDaniel (618)509-0097

(name and telephone number)

or email: abbymcdaniel67@gmail.com

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Dan & Lesley Eads, in memory of their fathers, Roy Eads & Wesley Dixon.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Pinky Ahner
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Isaiah Clayton
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JUNE 25

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Lola Simon
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Father's Day</i>	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Thurs.	Elders 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 DS III w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JUNE 11: Sunday: 141

Adult Bible Class: 10 High School: 6 Sunday School: 19