

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**August 27, 2023**  
*12th 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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## Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, Ruler of the realm of nature, Healer of our mortal bodies, Redeemer of our eternal souls, still the trembling earth and tempestuous seas when lives are at stake, heal bodies when life and livelihood are threatened, but always according to Your divine purpose, and by the power of the Spirit hold us steadfast in the saving faith until the Judgment; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

### Prelude

### Hymn

### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

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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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession with Absolution

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**C** O LORD, make haste to help me!

**P** Let them be put to shame and confusion

**C** who seek my life!

**P** Let them be turned back

**C** and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**P** May all who seek You rejoice

**C** and be glad in You!

**P** You are my help and my deliverer;

**C** O LORD, do not delay!

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**C** O LORD, make haste to help me!

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### Gloria Patri



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

*Isaiah 29:17-24*

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

It Is Well with My Soul

Craig Courtney

Epistle

*Romans 10:9-17*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:31-37*

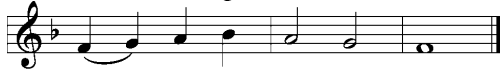
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

LSB 815

- 1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine, Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine, That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine. Alleluia!
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; By Thee the outcast and the poor were sought; And by Thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee, Who wast a servant that we might be free, Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, Thou Art high exalted o'er all creatures now, And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!
- 5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord, In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord, And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

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Sermon

What Did You Say?

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*

Prayer of the Church

**P** Eternal, almighty God, heavenly Father, how good it is to sing Your praises.

**C** how delightful it is to assemble in Your house with our fellow redeemed.

- P** You revive our hope in a world filled with the broken promises of man.
- C** **Your Word is truth, and Your promises are sure fulfillment.**
- P** You alone have the might and power to accomplish those things which we are unable to do.
- C** **Accept our praise and thanksgiving for graciously using Your power among us.**
- P** For trusting too much in human resources for the solutions to our problems,
- C** **forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Open our eyes to Your goodness and to the needs of others.
- C** **Unstop our ears that we may hear Your voice above the noise and confusion of our times.**
- P** Unloose our tongues that we may speak of the wonders of Your mighty acts.
- C** **Give us vision to see the world ripe for the harvest.**
- P** May all ears be attentive to the message of Your heavenly Gospel.
- C** **May all voices be tuned to sing Your praises.**
- P** Give insight, understanding, and vision to our nation's citizens and leaders.
- C** **Grant the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit to all church members and religious leaders.**
- P** In our families help us to listen to one another with patience.

**WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR**

- ✠ Tyler Hinton, Amy Lin, and Parker Roehrig, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Zion and Indie Harris, great-grandchildren of Jerry and Marleen Purdin, as they were baptized yesterday.
- ✠ The family of Deloris Bramstedt, as she died this past week.
- ✠ Lee Hinton and Sandy Richards, as they recover from surgery.
- ✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- ✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

- P** In the name of Him who restores sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb,
- C** **even Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore 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 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

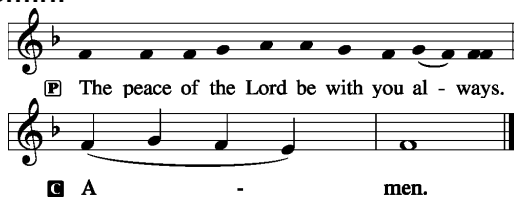
## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

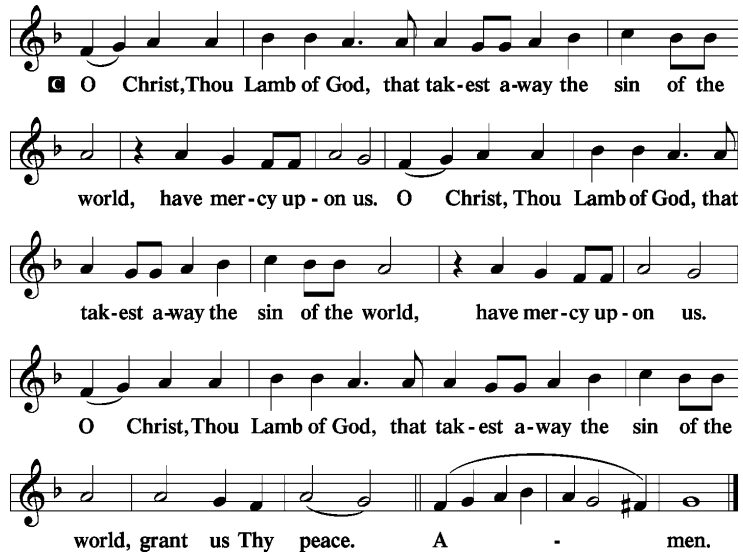


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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

### I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain**
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain**
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain**
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain**
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain**

Hymn

Eat This Bread

LSB 638

ref Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. Refrain
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain

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Hymn

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

**G** A - men.

**Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.  
**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

O Son of God, in Galilee

LSB 841

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,  
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.  
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;  
Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,  
And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev'ry troubled heart.
- 5 Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;  
All myst'ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.

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## Postlude

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### WE WELCOME ZION MALACHI HARRIS & INDIE NICOLE HARRIS

Congratulations to Trevor Harris and Molly Taylor on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Zion Malachi and Indie Nicole Harris, great-grandchildren of Jerry and Marleen Purdin. Their sponsor is Christian Harter. Welcome, Zion and Indie!

### YOUTH POOL PARTY – TODAY

Come enjoy the summer sun! All youth grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> come take a plunge for the Splash Bash. You're invited to a pool party at Dan and LaVonne Evers' house, 505 West Poplar today from 1 PM-3 PM. Bring your suits

and towels. A taco and nacho bar will be provided along with games. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please feel free to bring a guest. The pool is calling! Any questions, please contact LaVonne Evers at 618-477-2080.

### **ZION NIGHT AT THE (GRIZZLIES) BALLPARK – SEPT. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Would you, your family, and your friends like to spend a relaxed evening enjoying Grizzlies baseball? Join your whole church family for a night at the ballpark on Friday, September 1, 2023, for a 6:45 game between the Gateway Grizzlies and the Lake Erie Crushers. Greg Hoskins was given 100 free tickets and would like to share them with the congregation! Please invite family and friends and enjoy these free tickets to the Grizzlies game! In order to know how many tickets will be used, please sign up on the sheet on the table under the church office window in the narthex or contact Pastor Clayton at Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org or 618-447-1306. Let's join together for a fun evening with our church family!

### **NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS SERIES**

We are excited to announce a new Adult Bible Class series walking through Old Testament history as it is found in the Books of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings. This series of studies will take us through the time of the Judges before King David, through the stories of David's life, such as killing Goliath and his trouble with Bathsheba, to the fall of the Kingdom of Judah as the Babylonians captured Jerusalem in 586 BC. Do these events sound vaguely familiar, but you don't know the details? Do you remember these stories, but would like to review them again? This Bible Study Series is for you! The series will start on Sunday, September 10, taught by Sem. Rob Laird and Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff. If you are not familiar or comfortable with Old Testament history, this is a great time to start coming to Adult Bible Class! The classes will meet in the Church Basement from 8:45-9:45 on Sunday mornings. Come and bring family members and friends!

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Calling all 5-8th Grade Members of Zion (and their parents)! We will be starting Youth Confirmation Classes in September. Lori Clayton will be leading the 5-6th Grade Class in a review of the stories and content of the Bible. Pastor Clayton will be leading the 7-8th Grade Class in working through Luther's Small Catechism, including the 10 Commandments and the Apostles Creed this year. (The Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar were covered last year, and will be again next year, so that each student in 7-8th Grade works through the entire catechism in depth one time over the two years.) Confirmation Classes will start on Sunday, September 10 at 8:30-9:45. We will have a parent orientation on Sunday, September 3 at 8:45. At least one parent from each Confirmation family is asked to attend the orientation. We will also have Acolyte Training that morning. Parents are also always invited and welcome to join in for Confirmation Class sessions as a review! We look forward to seeing parents for the Confirmation Orientation on September 3, and all Confirmation students for classes starting on September 10.

### **ZION CO-HOSTING COOKOUT AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

On Friday, September 8, 2023, Zion, Mascoutah is co-hosting a cookout at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. These cookouts are held every Friday night at the Seminary, hosted by various area congregations, to provide a time of camaraderie across the campus. Members of host congregations are also invited to attend the cookout to have a chance to meet the seminary students and members of the seminary community and find out more about the campus environment. The cookout begins at 5:30, and is held in "The Woods," the apartment complex at the back side of the athletic fields behind the Chapel. (In case of rain, the cookout may be held in the Fieldhouse, to the left of the athletic fields.) If you would like to attend the cookout that Zion is co-sponsoring on September 8, please notify Pastor Clayton or sign up on the sheet in the narthex so the Seminary can have a rough idea of how many to plan to feed. Come enjoy an opportunity to get to know our future pastors!

### **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Elders are working on plans for Zion's annual Friendship Sunday, which will be held on September 10 this year. More details will be coming soon but start thinking about which family members and friends you can invite to join you for this special day!

### **SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING – SEPT. 17<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a special voters meeting following the service on September 17th. We will need to take a vote on the new property which will be to allow the house to stay there for another year to be moved in 2025 or later or request to have it moved in 2024. We will also use this meeting to accept new voting members. If you wish to become a voting member, please talk to someone on the church council.

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES**

If you were not able to get a picture taken at the session last October and wanted to submit a family picture, please contact Mike Twenhafel at 618-363-1955. If you submitted one previously, please verify with Mike that we have it.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP**

Do you, or people you know, sometimes have questions about the Christian faith? Apologetics is the effort to provide answers to those questions, and to address the challenges people pose to Christianity. Zion Mascoutah will host an Apologetics Workshop on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9:00-3:00. Topics to be addressed include "The Who, What, Where, Why, and When of Apologetics," "The Word They Still Shall Let Remain: The Reliability of Scripture," "Literature and Apologetics: A Bridge to Conversation," and "The Reality of the Resurrection: Nothing Else Really Matters." The registration fee is \$15 for the workshop to cover the cost of lunch, which will be provided. Mark your calendars now to attend this Apologetics Workshop at Zion Mascoutah on Saturday, October 7.

### **WANTED: SOUND/VIDEO TECHS**

With Nathaniel Clayton leaving for college in mid-August, we are looking to recruit new sound/video techs to help with the soundboard and Facebook Live recording at Zion. Gadge Corey will be offering a general training session on Sunday, September 24, 2023, from 11:15-12:15, right after church. He will also be offering "on-the-job training" on August 27 and September 10. We hope to have at least 8-10 people trained, so that you will be on duty about every other month. If you are interested in learning these positions, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your engagement to serve in this way!

### **ZION'S "HELPING HANDS" NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to help with our "Helping Hands". If you would be available to help our church members occasionally with small tasks, please sign up to be a "helper". We are looking for people who may be able to provide rides to the doctor or to the grocery store, or perhaps help with very light housekeeping, etc. We need to update our "helper" list, so even if you signed up before, please sign up again. Become a volunteer by contacting Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987. Thank you.

### **ZION NEW MEMBER CLASS TO START SOON**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion, or reviewing the basic teachings of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism, including the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and the Lord's Supper? Zion will be starting a "Bible Information Class" which will meet for 12 sessions starting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. If you are interested in being a part of this class, please let Pastor Clayton know by email at [Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org](mailto:Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org) or by text at 618-447-1306. After completion of this series of classes, participants will be able to participate in the joy and blessing of receiving the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and strengthening of faith in the Lord's Supper.

### **LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

We will resume LifeLight Bible Study on September 11, 2023. Join us in the church basement at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings as we study *Selected Psalms*. LifeLight provides a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture so Christian adults may grow their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Call or text Lionel (618-806-8993) NLT September 1<sup>st</sup> to join.

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR ACADEMY OF MUSIC -- PRIVATE AND GROUP LESSONS**

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior in Freeburg is beginning its fall session of private and group lessons on September 1, 2023. Private lessons on a wide variety of instruments along with piano, organ, and voice are offered. Group classes for Music Theory and Music History are a new addition this year. Mini Music Makers, a popular class, provides a group music experience for preschoolers and their caregivers. A second Mini Music Makers class is geared for children up to 8 years of age. For more information go to [theacademyofmusic.org](http://theacademyofmusic.org), or call Hannah at 618-353-3322.

### **VOCATIO RETREAT FOR PERSPECTIVE CHURCH WORKERS**

Have you considered serving full-time in a church work profession? Are you interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend Vocatio: Retreat — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. This event will be held at Concordia Seminary on October 22-24, 2023. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, visit [csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

### **LCMS SINGERS NEEDED**

Calling all LCMS singers in the St. Louis metro area who can come to three rehearsals in October: Let's fill the balcony at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus for Reformation Choral Vespers at Concordia Seminary. This year's theme is "Each Life a High Doxology," and it is going to be a happening! Come sing in a service that includes a children's choir directed by Matthew Janssen, festival brass, and Laudamus (the seminary's touring choir). To maximize convenience for area choir members, we've got two rehearsal tracks lined up. So, you could come on Tuesdays (Oct. 3,10,17) or Thursdays (Oct. 5,12,19) for 6:45pm rehearsals in the chapel. Then, both tracks come together for a final practice, with instruments, on Saturday morning, October 28, at 9:30am. That's four rehearsals, you say. Yes, we'd love for you to do "3+1," but it's OK for you to miss one. We just ask you to commit to three practices. Please contact Phillip Magness, Interim Associate of Music Arts, at the seminary for more details and/or to let him know you are coming so that we can have a folder ready for you and know which section in which to seat you. You can respond here or contact him via email ([MagnessP@csl.edu](mailto:MagnessP@csl.edu)) or phone (314-505-7118). Please spread the word. Even if YOU can't come, you may have friends in your congregation's choir who can and would love the experience. SOLI DEO GLORIA

### **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE DINNER – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for our annual Pro-Life Dinner. This year's event will be held Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Regency Conference Center, 400 Regency Dr., O'Fallon, IL. (Please note the different location from previous years.) Registration and social time begin at 6 PM. The dinner and program will be from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The cost for the dinner is \$50 (\$15 is tax deductible). You may register at [www.vitaefoundation.org](http://www.vitaefoundation.org), by calling Vitae at 573-634-4316, or by sending a check or money order to Vitae Foundation, 1731 Southridge Dr., Suite D, PO Box 791, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Begin studying Leviticus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Acts 22-26 and a special Free Text Friday on Baptism on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Church Ceremonies and Governance on Concord Matters (9/2 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

### **CHRISTOLOGICAL, CREEDAL, CONFSSIONAL...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Biblical Archeology, From Calvinism to Lutheranism, Biblical Masculinity, Evangelism and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Ray and Jean Kemezys, in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey, Isaac Robinson, & Blake Twenhafel  
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Rosemary Peterson  
Altar Guild: Jenny Kneschke & Jordan Rehfeldt  
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 3**

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

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

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| Sun.   | Bible Class                       | 8:45 AM        |
|        | Sunday School & Youth Bible Class | 8:45 AM        |
|        | Worship DS III w/communion        | 10:00 AM       |
|        | Youth Pool Party at the Evers'    | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| Wed.   | Choir Rehearsal                   | 7:00 PM        |
| 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 I no communion         | 10:00 AM       |

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