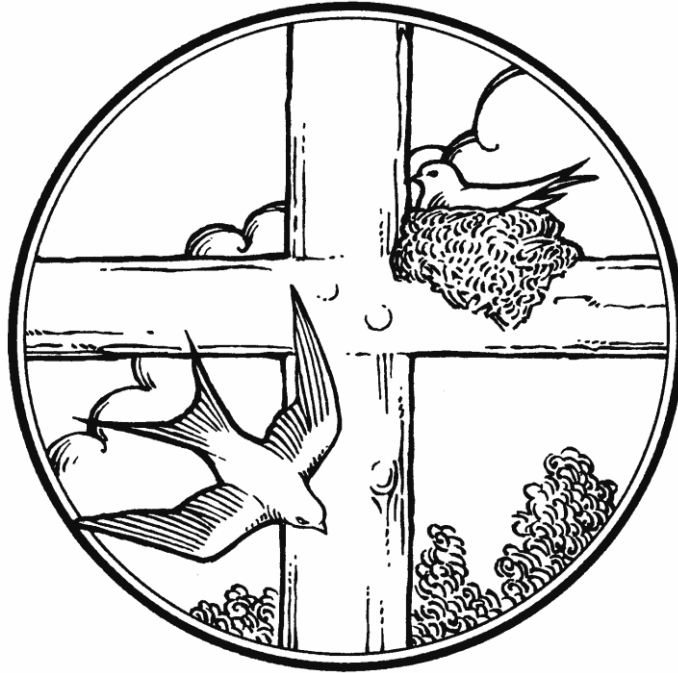


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

September 17, 2023

15th 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

Heavenly Father, whose evaluation of all spiritual and material things must finally be ours as well, hasten the day when we learn to make all judgments in the light of Christ and hold as dear to ourselves only that which is dear to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Prelude

Seek Ye First

arr. Douglas Wagner

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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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.)

Stand

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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 Winifred Rose Lockwood

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

P Winifred Rose Lockwood, 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 Winifred Rose Lockwood according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she 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, she 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 Winifred Rose Lockwood as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R Yes, with the help of God.

P God enable you 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

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

P Winifred Rose Lockwood, 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 Winifred Rose Lockwood, 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 Winifred Rose Lockwood, 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 sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called out us 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 Winifred Rose Lockwood the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she 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.

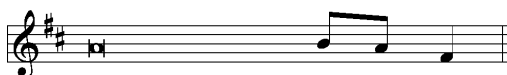
C Amen.

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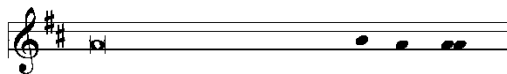
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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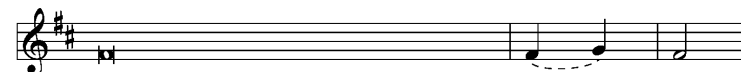
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



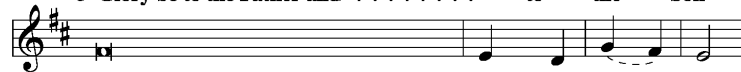
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

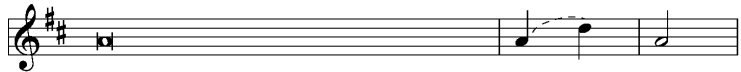
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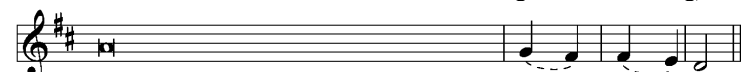
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



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;



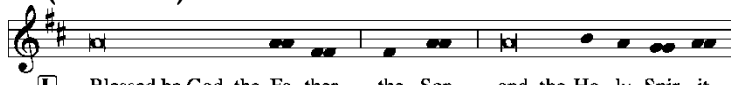
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



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.



G O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 146 (antiphon: v.9a)

- P** Praise the Lord!
C Praise the Lord, O my soul!
P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
P Put not your trust in princes,
C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
P When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
C on that very day his plans perish.
P Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C whose hope is in the Lord his God,
P who made heaven and earth,
C the sea, and all that is in them,
P who keeps faith forever;
C who executes justice for the oppressed,
P who gives food to the hungry.
C The Lord sets the prisoners free;
P the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
C The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
P the Lord loves the righteous.
C The Lord watches over the sojourners;
P He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
C but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.
P The Lord will reign forever,
C your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!
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

Seek Ye First

LSB 712

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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First Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell

there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Daniel Kallman

Second Reading

Galatians 5:25-6:10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

Matthew 6:24-34

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

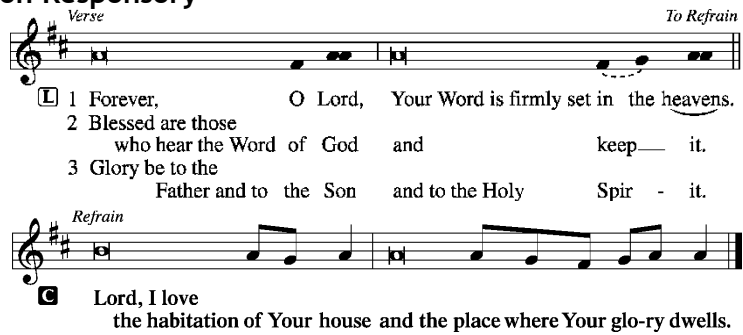
“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*

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 Spirit.

Refrain

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Children's Lunchbox Devotion

Hymn

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

LSB 750

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, what'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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Sermon

Seek First God's Righteousness

(Sem. Moellenhoff to Preach)

Installation of Preschool Teachers

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!

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Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227



☐ 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 also with you.
P O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, with thanksgiving we come before You.
C You have made known Your will in Your commandments.
P You have bestowed Your blessings on those who live by faith in Christ and seek to keep Your commandments.
C By our own efforts we cannot walk blamelessly before You.
P But through the merits of Jesus we dare approach Your holy majesty.
C For making it possible to appear blameless before You, we give You humble and hearty thanks.
P We confess that we have often tried to stand in our own strength rather than trust in the strength of Your might.
C We have yielded to some of Satan's temptations because we failed to put on the whole armor of God.
P Our loins were not always girded with truth, nor did we always face the world with the breastplate of righteousness.
C Our feet have not always been shod with the Gospel of peace, and we have often forgotten to put on the shield of faith.
P Our performance as Christian soldiers has left much to be desired.
C Forgive us, O Lord.
P Cleanse our hearts with the sanctifying power of Your Holy Spirit.
C May the hearing of Your Word and the use of Your sacraments produce in us a living faith.
P May our faith show itself in deeds of love toward others, especially to those in need.
C May our church and state leaders be more intent on doing Your will than pleasing people.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Isabella Allen, Candy Andres, Kynan Drinnon, Cierrah Lovett, Daniel Mileur, Ella Sax, James Barnard, and Shannon Barnard, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
† Winifred Rose Lockwood, as she is baptized today.
† Tom Heck, as he was hospitalized this past week.
† Zion's Preschool Staff, as they are installed today.
† Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.
† Faithfulness in support of world missions.

- P** May we all recognize Your hand in our afflictions that through them we may be strengthened.
C We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Collect for Grace

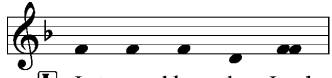
- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, 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.

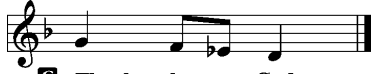
C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

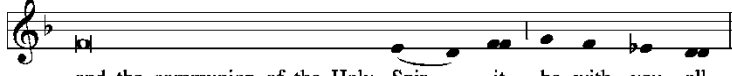


C Thanks be to God.

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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Postlude

Jubilation

Jason Payne

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WE WELCOME WINNIE LOCKWOOD!

Congratulations to Brad and Gina Lockwood on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Winifred Rose Lockwood. Winifred's sponsors are Lisa Lockwood, aunt, and Andy Sax, cousin. Welcome, Winnie!

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING – TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

There will be a special voters meeting following the service *today, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF ZION PRESCHOOL STAFF

Vikki Harms was hired as Zion Preschool Director in 2020. Vikki graduated from Illinois State University in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She has close to 30 years of Early Childhood experience with over 20 of those years in Administration. Vikki has 3 grown children, Grace 22, Christian 20, and Emma 18. Vikki loves to see young children grow and learn. She also understands the importance of ministering to not only the young children in her program but also all the preschool families she meets along the way.

Amy Benjamin, the 4's and 5's Lead Teacher, has been at Zion for over 20 years. Amy graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1989 with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Amy is married to Darrell and they have 2 grown children, Derek 29 and Alea 26. Amy loves to watch the joy her students have when playing with their friends.

Wendy Schulz, the 3's and 4's Lead Teacher was hired in 2022. Wendy came to us from Learn With Us Daycare, where she was the Director/Owner for over 17 years. Wendy graduated from Milliken University in 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She also attended SIUE for Education. Wendy is married to Bryan and they have 3 daughters, Amber 21, Olivia 17, and Emma 12. Wendy says the best parts of working with young children are their smiles and those Aha! Moments when everything clicks!

Christy Reese, the 4's and 5's Aide has been at Zion Preschool for a little over 15 years. Christy has many years of experience with children of all ages. Christy is married to Dave, and they have one son, Jason. They also have 2 young adult grandchildren, Will 22 and Anna 19, who both attended Zion Preschool. Christy loves seeing the world through the eyes of 4-year-olds and hopes to continue making an impact in their lives. And she also loves the ladies she works with at Zion Preschool.

Becky Barnes, the 3's and 4's Aide came to Zion Preschool in 2020. Becky grew up in Mascoutah and worked at Mascoutah Elementary as the After School Program Supervisor as well as a Playground Aide. Becky is married to Dreaux and they have 2 grown children, Chase 26 and Paige 19. They are also grandparents to 2-year-old Archie. Becky loves the innocence of young children and the joy they see in everything. She says they help her to live her life through their eyes.

Zion Preschool is also very blessed to have ***Lyn Gryga*** as our substitute staff member! Lyn started subbing at Zion Preschool last year. Lyn is married to Troy, and they have two daughters, Makenna 6 and Alaina 4.

LADIES AID MEETING - THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st - 7 PM

Don't forget the **Surprise Auction** after the meeting. Questions? See Glenda Pike.

MUM PICKUP – THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd FROM 3-7 PM

The pickup for the Youth Group mum fundraiser is Friday, September 22nd from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Those who ordered mums through a youth member will be able to pick up their mums at Mascoutah Eye Care, 105

Mascoutah Plaza Dr. between these times. Also, extra mums will be available if you didn't pre-order. The mums are \$12 each and can be paid for by cash or check.

WANTED: SOUND/VIDEO TECHS

With Nathaniel Clayton having left 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 next Sunday, September 24th from 11:15-12:15, right after church. 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!

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – DEADLINE TO ORDER: SEPT. 27th

Our preschool fundraiser this year is once again Butter Braids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas. Who doesn't love a good butter braid?! These products arrive frozen and can be prepared for the coming holidays. The order forms will be in the Narthex every Sunday after church and during the week through Wednesday, September 27th. You can also scan the QR code below to go to our online fundraiser page:



All orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, October 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the Preschool South Street doors. The money we raise will help us purchase additional toys and equipment for the gym. Thank you to everyone for helping to support our program by making a purchase.

NEW ADDRESS FOR PAT MEIER

Pat Meier has been moved to Texas to be near her family there. Here is her new address if you would like to send her cards or letters.

Brookdale Hollywood Park
Pat Meier, Room 9
16911 San Pedro
San Antonio TX, 78232

ZION FALL FEST – OCTOBER 1st

Save the Date! Our annual Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, October 1st from 1-4 PM. Chips, popcorn, and cookies will be served. There will be a Bounce House from 1 to 4 pm. Special activities include: 2:00 Storytellers from the Mascoutah Library and 3 to 4 pm Animal Twist Balloons. There will be Bingo for the whole family, and games for the kids, along with a Photo Booth. ***The Fall Fest will be cancelled if it rains.***

SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER 7th 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 \$10 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.

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.

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 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) 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

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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 thankfulness for everyone who gave their time and volunteered throughout the summer.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton & Phoebe Corey
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel & Trey Harris
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 24

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lectors: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff & Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey, Isaac Robinson, & Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton & Ryan Hinton
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship Matins 10:00 AM
Special Voter’s Meeting 11:15 AM
Mon. *Echo Deadline*
LifeLight 7:00 PM
Wed. New Member Class 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM
Thurs. Ladies Aid Exec Board 6:30 PM
Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 PM
Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri. Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM
Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS III w/communion 10:00 AM
Sound/AV Training 11:15 AM

ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 10: Sunday: 185