

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**September 24, 2023**  
***16<sup>th</sup> 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

Holy God, in whose hands are the issues of life and death for every person, we commit our mortality to Your wisdom and plan and our immortality to Your loving care with the prayer that while we are living in time we may be the Holy Spirit's instruments for bringing new life to all the spiritually dead whose lives touch ours; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

Prelude

It is Well with My Soul

arr. Dan Miller

Hymn

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

LSB 834

\*Note: It may be very helpful to follow this hymn out of the hymnal.

### Vocal Solo

1 *O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy living finger never wrote  
That life should be an aimless mote, A deathward drift from futile birth.  
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled In splendor through Thy broken world.  
Since light awoke and life began, Thou hast desired Thy life for man.*

2 **Our fatal will to equal Thee, Our rebel will wrought death and night.  
We seized and used in prideful spite Thy wondrous gift of liberty.  
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had royal scope and room,  
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace, Breached all its walls for our release.**

3 **Thou camest to our hall of death, O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,  
To drink for us the dark despair That strangled our reluctant breath.  
How beautiful the feet that trod The road that leads us back to God!  
How beautiful the feet that ran To bring the great good news to man!**

### Stand

4 **O Spirit, who didst once restore Thy Church that it might be again  
The bringer of good news to men, Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,  
That in these gray and latter days There may be those whose life is praise,  
Each life a high doxology To Father, Son, and unto Thee.**

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*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.

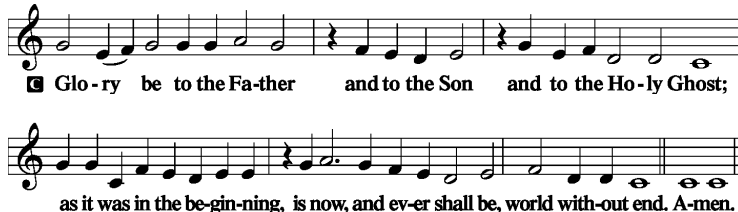
## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 86:1,7,12-13; antiphon: vv.3,5*

- L** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
**C** **for to You do I cry all the day.**
- L** For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
**C** **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.**
- L** Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
**C** **for I am poor and needy.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** **for You answer me.**
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** For great is Your steadfast love toward me;  
**C** **You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
- L** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
**C** **for to You do I cry all the day.**
- L** For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
**C** **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.**

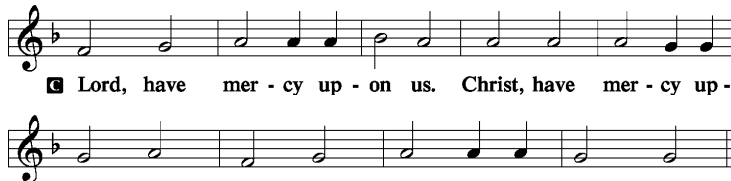
### Gloria Patri



**G** 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

LSB 186



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



Glory be to God on high: 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

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**L** Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually

be given to all good works; 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

*1 Kings 17:17-24*

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

Choir

Just As I Am

Victor Johnson

Epistle

*Ephesians 3:13-21*

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**L** 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

*Luke 7:11-17*

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



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

Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him.

As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the

only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**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

O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life

LSB 552

*(Stanzas 1,7,8,4)*

- 1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life And ended death's long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few, That death is always near  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that conquers fear!
- 7 The ranks of death with trophy grim Through ancient streets once trod  
And suddenly confronted You, The mighty Son of God.  
A widow's tears evoked Your Word; You stopped the bearers' tread.  
"Weep not!" in pity then You spoke To her whose son was dead.
- 8 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life Stood face to face that hour;  
And You took up the age-old strife With words of awesome pow'r.  
"Young man, arise!" You ordered loud, And death defeated lay.  
The widow's son cast off his shroud And strode from death away.
- 4 Death's power holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb.  
Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall That threatens earth with doom.  
But You have broken death's embrace And torn away its sting.  
Restore to life our mortal race! Raise us, O Risen King!

## Sermon

## The Only Son

### 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.]*

### Special Offering Music

### Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

arr. Behnke

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we come before You with thanksgiving and praise.

**C** We praise You for our creation, preservation, and redemption.

**P** We thank You for raising Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead and for preparing a place eternal in the heavens for all who trust in Your Son as their Savior.

**C** For sending us Your Holy Spirit so that we might know Jesus Christ as Lord, we give You thanks.

**P** We confess, O Lord, that we have often attempted to hide from You.

**C** Our sins have often broken the lines of communication between us.

**P** We claim to be Your children through faith in Christ, but we have often failed to do Your will.

**C** We have not always behaved as members of Your family and have often permitted Satan to drive a wedge of division between us.

**P** For giving the world the impression that Your kingdom is divided against itself,

**C** forgive us, O Lord.

**P** May Your Holy Spirit never leave us or forsake us.

**C** When we stray from Your fold graciously search us out and find us.

**P** When troubles and afflictions seem greater than we can bear,

**C** help us to remember that our mortal bodies are only the temporary dwelling place of Your Spirit.

**P** Keep in our hearts and minds the assurance that You have built for us a house eternal in the heavens.

**C** When the time of our departure from this earth draws near, take us to live with You eternally.

### WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ James Rehfeldt, Larry Richards, Lauren Twenhafel, Brennan Magers, Connor Hatcher, and Tom Heck, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

✠ Roy Klingelhofer, as he recovers from a broken rib.

✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

**P** We pray for our leaders in both state and church.

**C** We ask these favors, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 good, 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

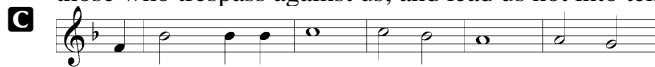


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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 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

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. A - men."

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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.**

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

Hymn

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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*Stand*

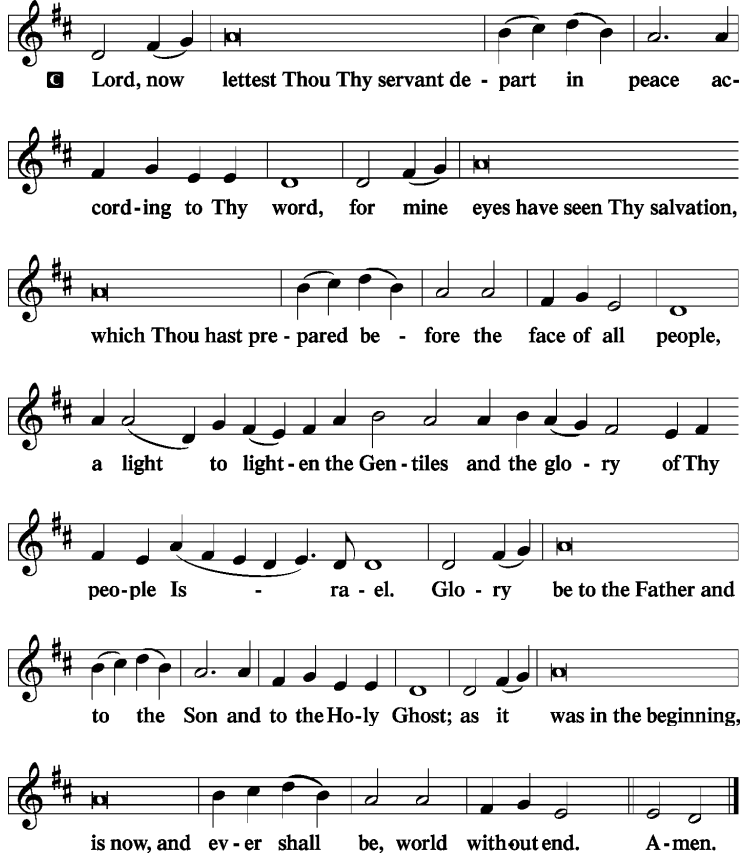
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## 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

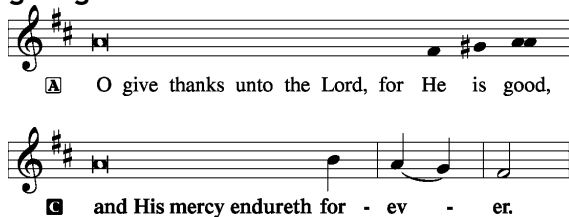
LSB 199



**C** 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,  
**C** 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.

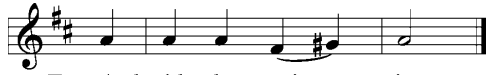


**C** A - men.

## Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction



**P** The Lord be with you.



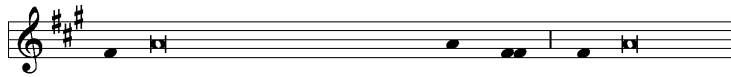
**C** And with thy spir - it.



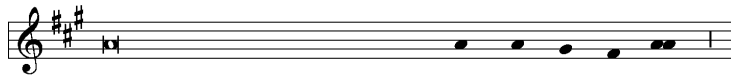
**A** Bless we the Lord.



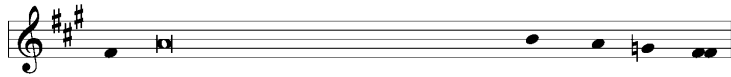
**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** 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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

Hymn

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763

**1** When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

**2** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

**3** He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

**4** And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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Postlude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Ken Kosche

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **WANTED: SOUND/VIDEO TECHS – TRAINING SESSION TODAY**

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 today 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!

### **THANK YOU FROM THE LAIRD FAMILY**

We would like to express our profound gratitude for the congregation's outpouring of support over the past few months upon the occasion of our son's birth. Thank you so much for the lovely baby shower and all the gifts which you have bestowed on us. If you have not already done so, there are thank you notes to be picked up for all the ladies who attended the shower which are on the table by the church office.

### **PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – DEADLINE TO ORDER: THIS WED., SEPT. 27<sup>th</sup>**

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.

### **INGATHERING ITEMS REQUESTED FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY**

This is late notice, but the LWML Fall Retreat is asking for an ingathering of personal care-sized items for the Blessing Box (homeless handouts) and a Matthew 25 group in Carlyle. **PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>, TO CHURCH NARTHEX.** There will be a box there. They will be taken to the Retreat on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks in advance.

### **ZION FALL FEST – NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

Save the Date! Our annual Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 \$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.

### **NEEDED ITEMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY AT SIUE**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has admitted nearly 400 international students this fall semester. Many of these students are in need of household items as they transition to the United States. The International Student Ministry (ISM) is asking for donations to help these students furnish their apartments. Common items needed are mattresses, blenders, bed sheets, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, bicycles, loveseats, end tables, lamps, TVs, irons, etc. If you have any of these items (or others) that you are not using, please consider donating to a student in need. You can inquire about donations by emailing ISM at [ism@trinitylutheranministries.org](mailto:ism@trinitylutheranministries.org).

### **OPEN DISCUSSION EVENING ABOUT COMMUNION FREQUENCY**

As the Elders at Zion seek the best way to serve the people of God and offer God's blessings to his people, we want to hear from you in person regarding the frequency of communion. We have offered a survey which yielded a tremendous turnout and very helpful results and comments, and we have hosted two targeted discussion sessions, but now we would like to hold an open discussion session to hear from all voices in the congregation, those who would like more frequent Communion, and those who have concerns or reservations about the frequency of Communion. All are invited, and we want all voices to be heard, by the Elders, and by each other. This open discussion will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Thanks for joining in this discussion process!

### **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

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

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### **LAW & GOSPEL SERIES...**

What does St. Paul mean when he writes about "rightly handling the word of truth?" Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on "The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel" by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at [issuesetc.org/lawandgospel](http://issuesetc.org/lawandgospel).





# FALL FESTIVAL

*...Come Join The Fun!*

**Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>  
1 pm to 4 pm**

- **Chips, Popcorn & Cookies**
  - **Bounce House**
- **2:00 Storytellers from the Mascoutah Library**
- **3-4 Animal Twist Balloons**
  - **Photo Booth**
- **Bingo for the whole family**
  - **Games for Kids**

Will be cancelled if Rain. ( Will be announced at church  
and through email from Pastor Clayton.)

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

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Geoff and Robin Phillips, in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff  
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

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 1**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton & Phoebe Corey  
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Rylan Ganey  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

**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 DS III w/communion 10:00 AM  
Sound/AV Training 11:15 AM  
Mon. LifeLight 7:00 PM  
Wed. New Member Class 6:00 PM  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM  
Fri. Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out 9:00-11:30 AM  
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 I no communion 10:00 AM  
Fall Fest 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Men's Club 6:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 17:** Sunday: 181  
Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 5 Sunday School: 55