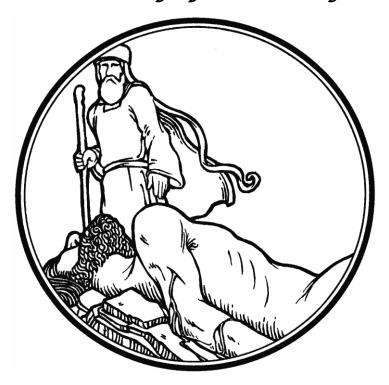
Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois September 3, 2023 13th 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

Beloved Jesus, who comes to us in our times of need to comfort, to strengthen, and to heal us, pressure us by Your compassion for us to be likewise compassionate for every needy fellowman, lest we, passing by unheeding, fail to minister to You; who with the Father and the Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude How Firm a Foundation arr. Patricia Harris

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

© But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

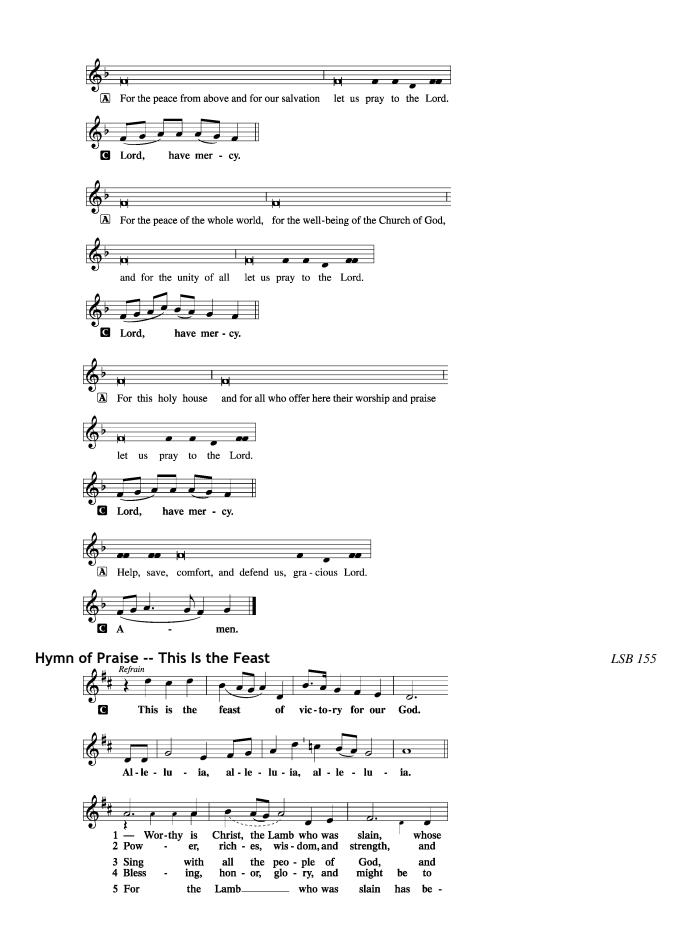
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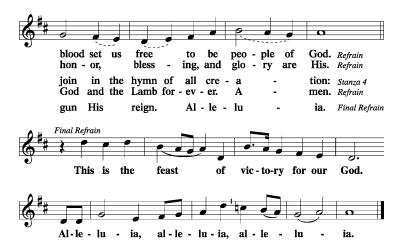
- **P** Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
- C let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
- **P** Arise, O God, defend Your cause;
- **C** do not forget the clamor of Your foes.
- **P** O God, why do You cast us off forever?
- **©** Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
- P Remember Your congregation,
- C which You have purchased of old,
- P which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!
- **C** Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.
- **P** Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
- **C** Let the poor and needy praise Your name.
- **P** Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord]:
- **G** let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
- **P** Arise, O God, defend Your cause;
- G do not forget the clamor of Your foes. 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.

Kyrie

LSB 152







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as

your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."

Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Galatians 3:15-22

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

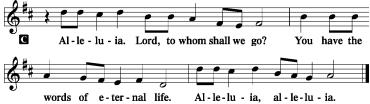
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 10:23-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.



Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was

going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn

Children's Lunchbox Devotion

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Sermon

Who Is My Neighbor?

Stand

Nicene Creed

■ 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

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

Stand



Prayer of the Church

P We lift up our souls to You, O Lord, in whom we trust.

Mindful of Your mercy and Your steadfast truth, accept our adoration and praise.

P Surrounded by humanity's injustice and untruthfulness, it is refreshing to know and believe that You are the Source for all truth and mercy.

- **©** We thank You for Your undeserved love, which prompted You to send us salvation through the person of Your Son Jesus Christ.
- **P** As recipients of Your gracious love, we regret that we have failed to show You adequate thanks.
- **C** We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.
- **P** As a result, we have also not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
- Aware of those who need our help, we like the priest and the Levite, have often passed by on the other side
- P Not only have we neglected to meet our neighbor's physical needs, but we have also failed to supply his spiritual needs.
- C For our lack of zeal in sharing our earthly gifts and the gift of salvation, forgive us, O Lord.
- P Help us to be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might that we may bear fruit in every good work and increase in divine knowledge.
- **G** Give us that endurance which reveals itself in patience and joy as we work for the expansion of Your kingdom.
- **P** We pray for those who are in physical or spiritual need.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- 🕆 Dawn Corey and David Rowold, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- Tom Heck, as he has been hospitalized and is awaiting surgery.
- Robert Corey, as he continues to recover from surgery.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- **♣** Faithfulness in Christian Worship.
- P Bless our nation with peace and help us to remain in harmony with Your will.
- **C** In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Benediction LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Remain Standing

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
 Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.
 Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
 Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Sit

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. Jason Payne

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION

SEPTEMBER ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The September Echo is now available in the narthex. Pick one up today!

THANK YOU FROM ZION PRESCHOOL

On behalf of Zion Preschool, I would like to thank Gail Frey, Sharon Weier, Cheryl Sax, and Linda Hoskins for their hard work in cleaning up the Prayer Garden and the outside of the preschool windows this past week. They also trimmed up the rose bushes outside of the preschool. Gail and Sharon also trimmed and weeded the small garden around the preschool sign. This was such a blessing to the preschool, and we cannot thank them enough! I would also like to thank Dan Eads and the rest of the Trustees for helping the preschool with some projects over the summer. We are so blessed to be a part of a church that supports us in all that we do to enrich the lives of young children! God Bless, Vikki Harms, Preschool Director

FROM THE FAMILY OF DELORIS BRAMSTEDT

"Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Please provide a heartfelt and sincere thank you to all of the congregation members of Zion who either came to the visitation or the funeral for Deloris. The expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated." From Paula Thibault, daughter of Deloris Bramstedt

MEMBERS NEEDS FUND

Many of us are blessed with opportunities of good fortune and the ability to tithe at our choosing. If able, the Elders ask that you prayerfully consider a possible giving to the "Member's Needs Funds" via the small brown envelopes in the pews. This fund is maintained in strict confidentiality of the Elders, and your generous contributions to this fund directly assist our congregation and their families during unfortunate and often unplanned times of need. Your thoughtful and continued considerations are always appreciated (please note that 100% of the donated funds are utilized to help our members and families during their times of need). Please contact any of the Elders if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you!

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.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 10th

Zion's Board of Elders will be hosting Friendship Sunday on September 10, 2023. (That is next Sunday!) After the Divine Service, this will include a meal and various outdoor games, weather permitting. The Elders will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If the weather is good, the meal will be in Maple Park, across the street from Zion's gym. (If the weather is bad, the meal will be moved inside to the gym.) After the meal, we can join together in outdoor games such as bags and washers. Come and enjoy time together with your church family!

BABY SHOWER FOR THE LAIRDS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

We are having a baby shower for Seminarian Rob and Annie Laird on Saturday, September 16th, from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM, as they added a sweet little baby boy to their family of four girls! We will serve chicken salad and ham sandwiches and would like to have side dishes of salad, veggies, or dessert brought. We are also asking if anyone would like to do some light decorations. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If the Lairds have any specific items they could use, they will be listed on the sheet. Hope to have you join us.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17th

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.

LADIES! JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING AND FUN MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

The Ladies Aid will resume their meetings after being off for the summer. Our devotion will be "Got Food?" by Candy Andres. We will have a short business meeting. We will also have a surprise auction after the meeting. This involves gift-wrapped packages (birthday, Christmas, brown paper...) to be auctioned off still wrapped! You may bring any kind of baked goods (cookies, cake, pie, etc.), or any other gift item you would like to share. The fun is in finding out what gift you have bid on! There are lots of laughs and a few jokes thrown in for entertainment. All proceeds go toward our mission gifts we give throughout the year and at Christmas. Plan to attend and see what we are all about as we praise the Lord with our gifts and service.

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.

ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR ZION COLLEGE STUDENTS

We need addresses for all our college students please. We would like to send notes of encouragement and small gifts throughout the year to all our college students. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to enter names and addresses of college students. Thank you from the Board of Education.

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 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.

ZION FALL FEST - OCTOBER 1st

Save the Date! Our annual Fall Fest will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 1st. We have a Bounce House reserved and other fun things planned. Details will be coming soon.

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 \$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.

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

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE DINNER - SEPTEMBER 12th

Please join us for our annual Pro-Life Dinner. This year's event will be held Tuesday, September 12th, 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, 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.

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How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/battleforthebible.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR
The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Evers, in memory of Marcella Kniepkamp's birthday.

10:00 AM

11:15 AM

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton Lector: Sem. Rob Laird Organist: Nancy Peterson Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton

Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Dalton Wambold

Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 10

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton Lector: Sem. Rob Laird Organist: Nancy Peterson

Gadge Corey, Isaac Robinson, & Blake Twenhafel Sound Techs:

Rosemary Peterson & Lucy Laird Acolytes: Joyce Hendrix & Becky Wachtman Altar Guild:

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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 I no communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Mon.	Labor Day – Office Closed	
Tues.	First Day of Preschool	
Wed.	Zion Service at Brightly	1:30 PM
	New Member Class	7:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
	Zion Co-Hosts Cookout at Concordia Seminary	5:30 PM
Sun.	Friendship Sunday	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 27: Sunday: 147

Worship DS II w/communion

Friendship Sunday Meal & Games

Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 5 Sunday School: 30