

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 15, 2023

*19<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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## Electronic Devices

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

## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, whose devotion to the Father and dedication to us surpass our comprehension, let us hold You as example that we be strong in temptation and zealous for all good works and thus call all the world to glorify Your Father and ours; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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## Prelude

The congregation will select the hymns.

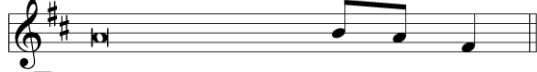
*Stand*

## Versicles

*LSB 219*



**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.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon (Common)

*LSB 220*



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

**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

**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)

LSB 221

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

**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalms

Psalms 84:1-12

- L** How lovely is Your dwelling place,
- C** O LORD of hosts!
- L** My soul longs, yes, faints
- C** for the courts of the LORD;
- L** my heart and flesh sing for joy
- C** to the living God.
- L** Even the sparrow finds a home,
- C** and the swallow a nest for herself,
- L** where she may lay her young,
- C** at Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
- L** my King and my God.
- C** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house,
- L** ever singing Your praise!
- C** Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- L** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C** As they go through the Valley of Baca  
**L** they make it a place of springs;  
**C** the early rain also covers it with pools.  
**L** They go from strength to strength;  
**C** each one appears before God in Zion.  
**L** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**C** give ear, O God of Jacob!  
**L** Behold our shield, O God;  
**C** look on the face of Your anointed!  
**L** For a day in Your courts is better  
**C** than a thousand elsewhere.  
**L** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
**C** than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
**L** For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
**C** the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
**L** No good thing does He withhold  
**C** from those who walk uprightly.  
**L** O LORD of hosts,  
**C** blessed is the one who trusts in You!  
 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*

The congregation will select the hymns.

### First Reading

*Genesis 28:10-17*

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

Lord You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Larson

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:22-28*

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work

with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Third Reading

*Matthew 9:1-8*

Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to His own city.

And behold, some people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Common Responsoy

*LSB 221*



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



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

### Children's Lunchbox Devotion

The congregation will select the hymns.

Sermon

The Biggest Blessing

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

The Power of the Cross

Getty & Townend

*(Ryan Hinton, soloist)*

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

☐ **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** Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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** We give glory to Your name, O Lord, for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**C** **Our trust in You has never been misplaced, for You have been our help and shield.**

**P** You have been mindful of Your own, and we have experienced Your blessings.

**C** **From this time forth and even forevermore we bless and praise You, O Lord.**

**P** We regret, gracious Father, that we have often caused You sorrow by our many transgressions.

**C** **We have not rejoiced in our sufferings, nor have we denied ourselves in order to take up our cross and follow Your Son.**

**P** We have been reluctant to sacrifice any of our comforts for His sake.

**C** **We have neglected many opportunities to confess Him before others.**

**P** For our many sins of neglect we beg Your forgiveness.

**C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may strengthen our faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**P** Help us to trust in Him as the only way between earth and heaven.

**C** **Lead us to recognize that through suffering for Your sake we develop endurance, which lets us live in hope.**

**P** May we constantly rejoice in the certainty of our salvation.

**C** **Guide the leaders of our nation and all nations in the way of Your truth.**

**P** Give them the desire to fulfill their duties in accordance with Your will.

**C** **Give strength to the weak and hope to the discouraged.**

**P** May the lonely be assured of Your presence.

## WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Chloe Pannier, Gadge Corey, Ava Pettis, Beatrice Lockwood, and Ryan Hinton, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

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

✠ Faithfulness in support of world missions.

**P** This we ask in the name of Him who justified us in Your sight by His blood,

**C** **even Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

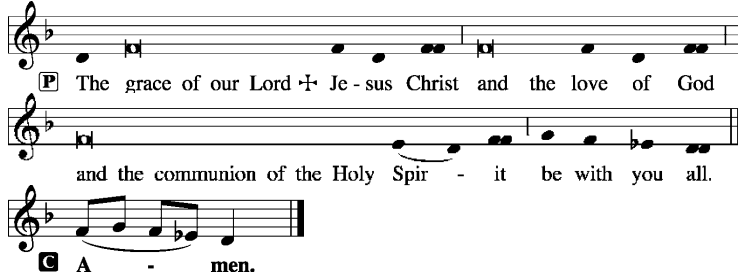
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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



### Benediction



The congregation will select the hymns.

### Postlude

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### PLEASE FILL OUT ATTENDANCE SHEET EACH WEEK

Please remember to fill out the sheet in the red attendance book each week you attend. Thank you.

### HARVEST TABLE - NOW CLOSED

The Harvest Table is now closed. Thanks so much to everyone who donated. A total of \$53 was collected and will be donated to the Concerned Christians Food Pantry.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-THE SHOEBOX PROJECT

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful opportunity to help spread the gospel to children around the world. Last year Zion did over 100 boxes, how many do you think we can fill this year? There will be a table in the narthex that will have all that you need to start your shoe box mission! For each shoebox you pick up, be sure to grab a pamphlet that contains information and the label where you can mark if the shoebox is for a girl or boy and the appropriate age. Filled shoeboxes with the labels affixed on the outside can be returned to Zion at any time prior to Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Don't forget to pray over your boxes! If you do have time to donate a box, each box costs \$10 to ship. Please feel free to donate the shipping costs so we may send as many shoeboxes as possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to Konya Bloomquist, this year's project leader: [konyatraveler@yahoo.com](mailto:konyatraveler@yahoo.com) or call or text 618-954-9483. Texting is the best way to contact Konya.

### GAS CARDS FOR CONCERNED CHRISTIANS - DONATIONS NEEDED

The Food Pantry/Concerned Christians of Mascoutah would like to give \$50 gas gift cards to families from the food pantry. This would be given before Christmas. As members of Zion, we'd like to ask for donations toward these gas cards. Collections would be taken until November 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the money collected would purchase the gas gift cards. Our goal is set at \$3,000. The members of the Concerned Christians committee have been most appreciative of Zion's efforts in the past to help with this mission. If you feel you wish to donate,



please place your donation into the glass jars in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us. Ken and Gail Frey

### **73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER**

Please join us for our 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 6 PM at Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall, 219 McGaughey St., Worden, IL. Carry-out style, \$13. Self-serve dining area available. Link, liver, and blood sausage will be sold at the Parish Hall on Sunday beginning at noon.

### **65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WURSTMARKT**

The Ferrin Men's Club is holding their 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Wurstmart on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL. They will also have sausage for sale. Dinners are \$15 and will be served via curbside pickup only. Please follow road signs for pickup.

### **ITEMS NEEDED 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).

### **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."

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

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### **FINDING JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT...**

Do you have a difficult time reading the Old Testament? The key to understanding the Old Testament is to find Jesus. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed Dr. Reed Lessing and Dr. Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "The Messianic Message." You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/findingjesus](http://issuesetc.org/findingjesus).

# LUTHERAN COLLEGE FAIR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
OPEN HOUSE 10AM-2PM**

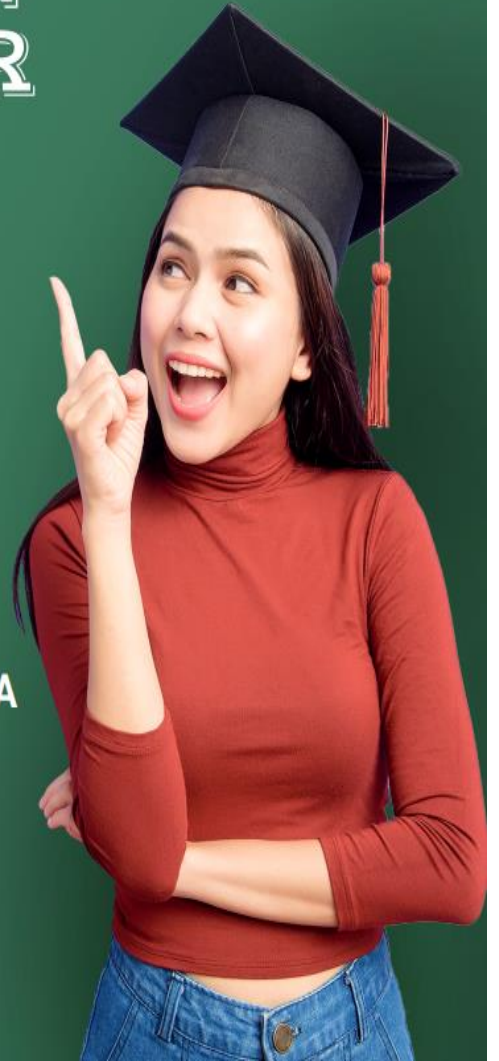
Meet reps from the Concordia universities and seminaries, learn top tips from experts about funding and financial aid, and enter to win prizes throughout the day!

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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 by Lionel and Lita Timmerman, in memory of Mary Timmerman Kovacs.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Pinky Ahner  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Viviana Jeffries  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 22**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Phoebe Corey  
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & William Huth  
Altar Guild: Gail Frey  
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 Matins	10:00 AM
Mon.	<b><i>ECHO DEADLINE</i></b>	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
	Elders 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

**ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 8:** Sunday: 133

Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 5 Sunday School: 38