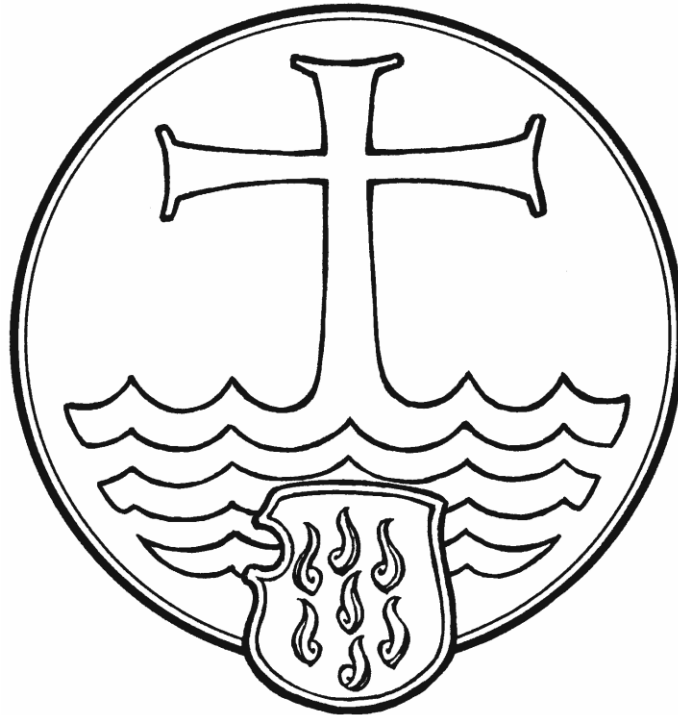


**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Mascoutah, Illinois  
October 22, 2023  
*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*



*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.

## Prayer of Personal Preparation

Lord God, remind me of my baptism and of how You called me to be personally involved in Your mission through my baptism. Speak to me, and to those in this congregation, through Your Word, inspiring us to say as the disciples said after Jesus' resurrection, "Didn't our hearts burn within us when He spoke to us and opened the Scriptures to us?" Motivate me individually, and this congregation corporately, to share this Good News with others. Through the power of Your Word and by Your Holy Spirit, use me to bring Your light into the lives of people who do not yet know You! In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

## DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

### LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Paul Manz

Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LSB 686

- 1 **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**
  
- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**
  
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**
  
- 4 **Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Exhortation

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

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

## Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

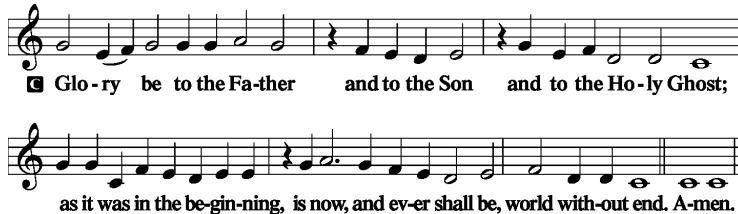
# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 48:1a, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- L** The Lord is righteous in all He has done to us,  
**C** **for we have not obeyed His commandments.**
- L** Glorify Your name, O Lord;  
**C** **and deal with us according to Your great mercy.**
- L** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
**C** **in the city of our God, His holy mountain.**
- L** We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,  
**C** **in the midst of Your temple.**
- L** As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.  
**C** **Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**
- L** Let Mount Zion be glad!  
**C** **Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!**
- L** The Lord is righteous in all He has done to us,  
**C** **for we have not obeyed His commandments.**
- L** Glorify Your name, O Lord;  
**C** **and deal with us according to Your great mercy**

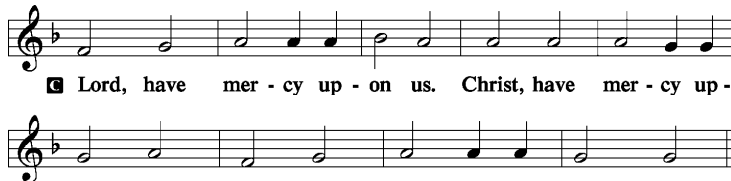
## Gloria Patri



**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, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their

sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

Men’s Choir

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Carl Schalk

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:15-21*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**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

*Matthew 22:1-14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

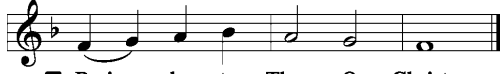


**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was

angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**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

Alabaré — I

LSB 799

ref Alabaré alabaré alabaré a mi Señor. Alabaré alabaré alabaré a mi Señor.

- 1 John saw the number of all those redeemed, And all were singing praises to the Lord.  
Thousands were praying, Ten thousands rejoicing, And all were singing praises to the Lord. Refrain
- 2 Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood has set us free from ev'ry sin.  
Power and riches, And wisdom and strength And honor and all blessing shall be His. Refrain
- 3 Sing with the people, the people of God, And join creation in a joyful hymn.  
Blessing and honor And glory and might To God and to the Lamb be without end. Refrain

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Sermon

The Wedding Garment

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***Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Vocal Solo)**

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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**Prayer of the Church**

- P** O Lord God, Shepherd of our souls and Supplier of all our needs, we, the people of Your pasture, come before You with hearts filled with gratitude and praise.
- C** For leading us into the green pastures of Your Word, we give You thanks.
- P** For leading us beside the still waters of Your love and mercy, we are most grateful.
- C** For restoring our souls with the righteousness of Your Son Jesus Christ, we bring You our praise.
- P** For making it possible for us to walk through the valley of the shadow of death without fear, we adore Your most holy name.
- C** As Your sheep, O Lord, we acknowledge that we have often strayed from Your paths of righteousness.
- P** In the midst of abundance we have often been discontented.
- C** In spite of Your loving care throughout our lives we have often been anxious.
- P** We doubted that You would supply all our needs.
- C** For these, our many transgressions, forgive us, O Lord.
- P** Grant us Your Spirit and make us content with what You provide.
- C** Give us the faith to realize that we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us.
- P** Be a source of strength to the Church, and bless our nation with peace.
- C** Bring comfort to the sorrowing, and give hope to the discouraged.

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

- ✠ Angie Walter, Ashlee Corey, Grant Ahner, Troy Gryga, and Ezri Linnertz as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Alice Witte, as she regains strength and mobility.
- ✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- ✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

**P** In the name of our Shepherd, Jesus Christ,  
**C** we bring these petitions before You, 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 cometh in the name of the Lord.





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

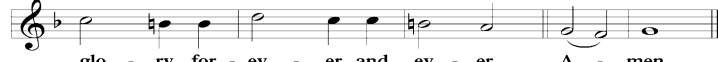
### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



**C** 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.

## Distribution

*During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.*

*Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

### Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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## Hymn

### Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.
- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.
- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.
- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.

- 7 Christ says: “Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician’s help or skill.
- 8 “For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?”
- 9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior’s guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you How much God’s wondrous love can do.

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## Hymn

## Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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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

**P** 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,  
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

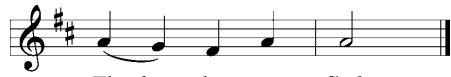
**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

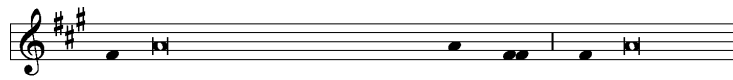
**G** A - men.

**Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction**

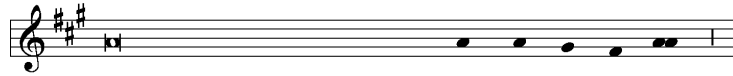
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.  
**A** Bless we the Lord.



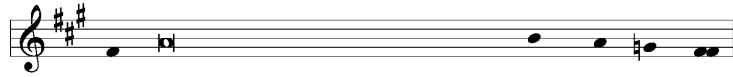
☐ Thanks be to God.



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 1 **Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluia angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**
- 2 **Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**
- 3 **Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**
- 4 **Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**
- 5 **Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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Postlude

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### **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.

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the day that Zion commemorates All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for the wonderful, loving, faithful witness of those who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest with the Lord. If you have a loved one who has entered eternal rest this past year since last November 1, please pass that information on to the church office so we can include your loved one's name in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

### **JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SEMINARIAN KYLE AND FIANCÉE KAYLA ON SUNDAY, NOV. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Kyle and Kayla are getting married at the end of December, and we would like to celebrate with a "potluck wedding shower" after church on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Fried chicken will be furnished; side dishes are appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet the next two Sundays. Please plan to join us in wishing blessings on their upcoming marriage. (NOTE: Kyle has said that he and Kayla wanted to tell everyone at Zion that they shouldn't feel obligated to bring gifts; simply coming to the potluck is much appreciated. If anyone really wants to get something, gift cards to Amazon or Kohl's are always welcome.)

### **WALL-SIZED CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2024**

Please stop at the table in the narthex and get your calendar now. These calendars are great for writing notes on the days. Still priced at only \$6.00.

### **18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER**

Looking for a way to support a mission of our church? How about supporting the youth of the church by donating to the 18th Annual Zion Youth Group Puzzle Race Fundraiser? Our youth are in need of the following:

- \$300 to cover the cost of the puzzles.
- 1 attractive item (or basket) for the main raffle
- 1 person to run the food sales the night of the event.
- Gift card donations for event winners in the following quantity and amounts:
  - 4 - \$40 gift cards
  - 4 - \$20 gift cards
  - 4 - \$10 gift cards

Note: Amazon, Walmart, or restaurant gift cards work well.

As always, our youth appreciate all the support and encouragement provided by our members. Please see Jen Lara if you would like to donate or have any questions.

### **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.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD INFO**

Dear Zion family, here is a little information you might not know about the recipients of the Christmas shoe box. Older Boys: many shoe-box packers find it tricky to buy for older boys, they find it easier to buy for girls with so many cutesy things, hair bows, frilly socks, girly trinkets etc. so readily available... so maybe pray about sending a box to an older boy. For many orphanages around the world children "age out" at 15, so for many of the older boys, the box you are packing may be their "LAST CHANCE" for OCC to reach them with the gospel message. We hope more will hear this especially as they grow up to become the leaders of their own households one day.

### **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 next 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).

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

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Study Hebrews 8-10 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying Mark 1-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into "Confession" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (10/28 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app.

### **EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Scientific Vocation, The Age of the Earth, The Lord's Prayer, Church Music for the Care of Souls and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

# 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!

**CHICK-FIL-A PROVIDED**

**JOIN US AT SIECK HALL ON THE CONCORDIA  
SEMINARY CAMPUS IN ST. LOUIS**



**REGISTER ONLINE:  
[MO.LCMS.ORG/COLLEGE-FAIR](https://mo.lcms.org/college-fair)**





**18TH ANNUAL  
ZION YOUTH GROUP  
PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER**



<https://tinyurl.com/puzzlerace2023>

**WHEN?**

Sat., November 11th  
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Race Starts at 6 p.m.

**WHERE?**

Zion Lutheran Church Gym  
101 South Railway  
Mascoutah, IL 62258

**WHAT?**

Your team of 4 will race against other teams to be the first to assemble a 750-piece puzzle. All puzzles are identical.

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place *and* attendance prizes!**

Lita's Specialty Dinner and Chick-fil-A sandwiches available for pre-order (use registration QR code or link).

Bring your own snacks and drinks but please *no alcohol*.  
Bring a little extra cash for snacks/drinks & our special raffle!

**HOW MUCH?**

~ \$60 per team ~

Teams must pre-register using the registration QR code and pre-pay.

**WHY?**

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church.

**WHO?**

All ages capable of assembling a 750-piece puzzle.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Jennifer Lara at 618.530.8827

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

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Lori Clayton's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 29**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel  
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel, Max Lara, & Waylon Neumann (crucifer)  
Altar Guild: Becky Wachtman & Lita Timmerman  
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  
Mon. LifeLight 7:00 PM  
Wed. New Member Class 6:00 PM  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM  
Fri. Preschool Parent's Morning Out 9:00 – 11:30 AM  
Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM  
Sun. **Reformation Day**  
Confirmation Class 8:30 AM  
Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Worship DS IV w/communion 10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 15:** Sunday School: 134  
Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 5 Sunday School: 41