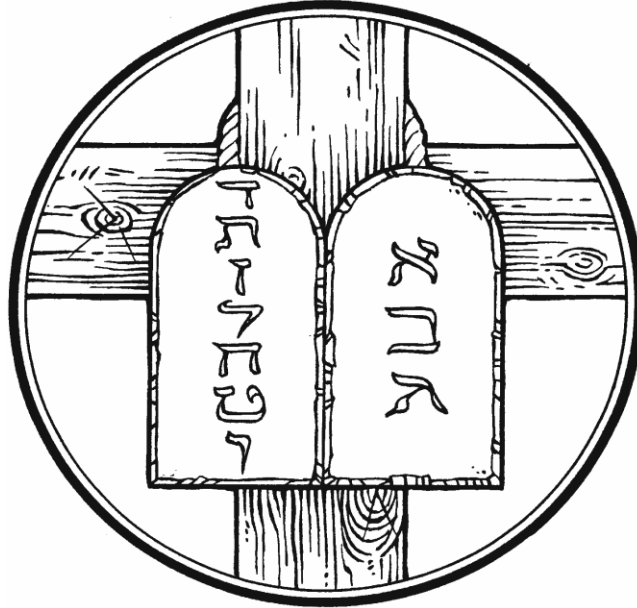


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 8, 2023

18th 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. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Prelude Voices Raised to You we Offer arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *LSB 549*

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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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.
C **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 with Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**
P 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

Introit

- P** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,
C **and let Your prophets be proven faithful.**
P Hear the prayer of Your servants,
C **according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.**
P I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**
P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **May they be secure who love You!**
P For my brothers and companions' sake
C **I will say, “Peace be within you!”**
P For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C **I will seek Your good.**
P Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,
C **and let Your prophets be proven faithful.**
P Hear the prayer of Your servants,
C **according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.**
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

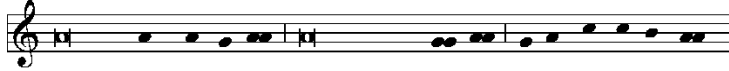
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



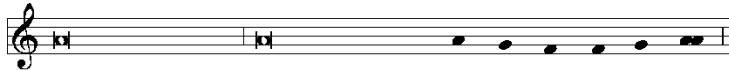
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



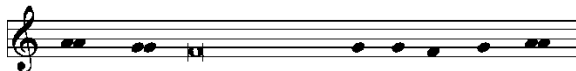
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and

to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear.

He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Before You I Kneel

Mary McDonald

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

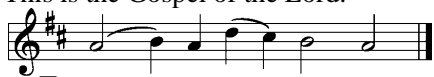
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, “‘The Lord said to My Lord, sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet’? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?” And no one was able

to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

- 1 **Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**
- 2 **All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!**
- 3 **Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven’s grace,
For Your living, suff’ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**
- 4 **Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**
- 5 **How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

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Sermon

Where God’s Heart Is Set

(Sem. Moellenhoff to Preach)

Stand

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** O holy and righteous Lord, whose judgments are always right and just, we come before You, trusting that You will hear us.
- C** **Accept our praise and thanks for Your kindness and undeserved love.**
- P** For the light of another day and the protection of the past night, we give You thanks.
- C** **For making it possible for those who delight in Your Law and Gospel to assemble before You, we are thankful.**
- P** We readily confess that we have failed to measure up to the demands of Your law.
- C** **We have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of the scornful.**
- P** We are far from being holy; we have been unjust in our judgments.
- C** **We have slandered our neighbor, borne grudges against him, and sought to pay back evil for evil.**
- P** We have not loved others as ourselves because we have not loved You with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.
- C** **For these departures from the demands of Your Law, forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** By Your Holy Spirit enable us to love You more fully by loving others.
- C** **Help us to love You as You have loved us.**
- P** May we be fruitful trees planted by the streams of Your Word.
- C** **Help us to meditate in Your Word day and night.**
- P** Give us joy in serving You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Ken Knutson, Jeff Zimmermann, and Kayla Hinton, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † Protection and blessing for all farmers as they gather in the harvest.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

- P** Grant us peace in our nation and in the world.
- C** **May Your Church reflect the love and harmony of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Lynn Peterson

(Cary Robinson, oboe)

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Offertory

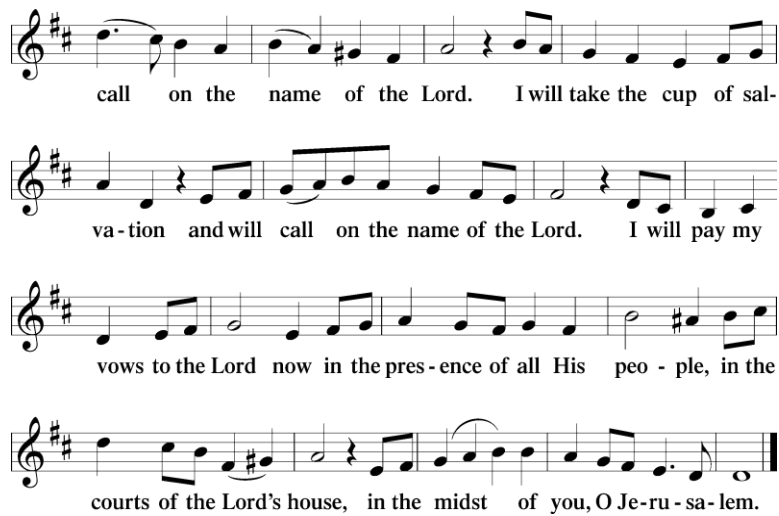
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C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177



P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

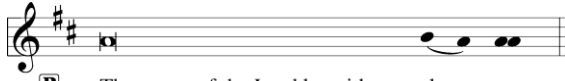
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



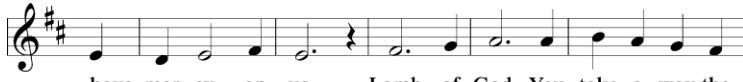
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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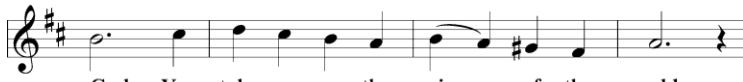
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Hymn**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared***LSB 622*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.**
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty Till dawns the judgment morning,**
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand Or subtle craft and cunning.**
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.**
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unailing.**
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.**
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.**
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me When living and when dying.**

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Hymn**Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray***LSB 623*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.**
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.**
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.**

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- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

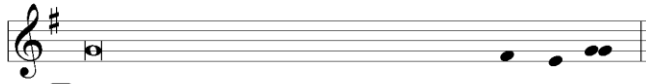
P Let us pray.

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 Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183



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.



C A - - - men.

Remain Standing

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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Sit

Postlude

Recessional of Joy

arr. Hal Hopson

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



OPEN DISCUSSION EVENING ABOUT COMMUNION FREQUENCY – THIS TUES, OCT. 10th

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!

FALL FEST SUCCESS! THANKS TO ALL!

Our Fall Fest was a success, and we want to thank everyone who helped. We had so many people help with setting up, manning stations, and cleaning up. Don't want to mention names for fear of forgetting someone. Thank you all; we could not have done it without your help. Linda Hoskins and Gail Frey

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.

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 15th. 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

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.

VOCATIO RETREAT FOR PERSPECTIVE CHURCH WORKERS

Have you considered serving full-time in a church work profession? Are you interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend Vocatio: Retreat — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. This event will be held at Concordia Seminary on October 22-24, 2023. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

LCMS SINGERS NEEDED

Calling all LCMS singers in the St. Louis metro area who can come to three rehearsals in October: Let's fill the balcony at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus for Reformation Choral Vespers at Concordia Seminary. This year's theme is "Each Life a High Doxology," and it is going to be a happening! Come sing in a service that includes a children's choir directed by Matthew Janssen, festival brass, and Laudamus (the seminary's touring choir). To maximize convenience for area choir members, we've got two rehearsal tracks lined up. So, you could

come on Tuesdays (Oct. 3,10,17) or Thursdays (Oct. 5,12,19) for 6:45pm rehearsals in the chapel. Then, both tracks come together for a final practice, with instruments, on Saturday morning, October 28, at 9:30am. That's four rehearsals, you say. Yes, we'd love for you to do "3+1," but it's OK for you to miss one. We just ask you to commit to three practices. Please contact Phillip Magness, Interim Associate of Music Arts, at the seminary for more details and/or to let him know you are coming so that we can have a folder ready for you and know which section in which to seat you. You can respond here or contact him via email (MagnessP@csl.edu) or phone (314-505-7118). Please spread the word. Even if YOU can't come, you may have friends in your congregation's choir who can and would love the experience. SOLI DEO GLORIA

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EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...

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: Myths About Christopher Columbus, The Need for Masculine Men, Understanding Polygamy in Scripture, The Expulsion of the Canaanites 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Glenda Pike in thanksgiving for her Christian role models - her family and her church family and in tribute to Glenda Pike for her birthday for all she does for the LWML and our congregation!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Ella Sax & Bristol Sax
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz & Abigail Clayton
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 15

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Viviana Jeffries
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 II w/communion 10:00 AM
Mon. ***Columbus Day – Church Office Closed, No Preschool***
LifeLight 7:00 PM
Tues. Communion Frequency Discussion 7:00 PM
Wed. New Member Class 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM
Thurs. Evangelism 7:00 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 Matins 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 1: Sunday: 128

Adult Bible Class: 26 High School: 2 Sunday School: 40