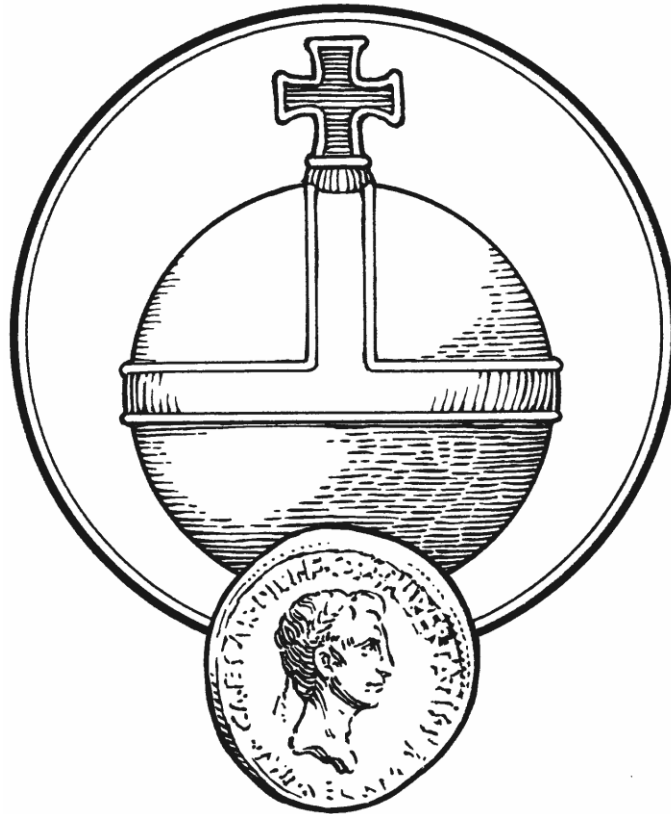


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
November 12, 2023
23rd Sunday after Trinity



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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Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord Christ, who rules the nations and the church, grant us who live in the one by birth and the other by faith the wisdom to know the difference between them and the commitment to help each to serve the other without compromising You as Lord of both; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

arr. Burkhardt

Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!**
- 2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.**
- 3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.**

Stand

- 4 O sweet and blessèd country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** 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

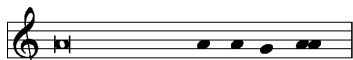
Introit

Psalm 130:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 3–4

- L** If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
L But with You there is forgiveness,
C **that You may be feared.**
L Out of the depths
C **I cry to You, O LORD!**
L O Lord, hear my voice!
C **Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
L O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
C **and with Him is plentiful redemption.**
L And He will redeem Israel
C **from all His iniquities.**
**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.**
L If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
L But with You there is forgiveness,
C **that You may be feared.**

Kyrie

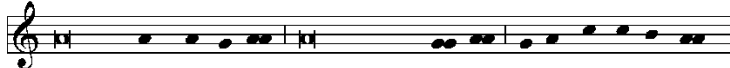
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



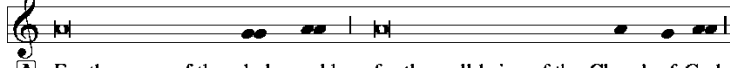
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



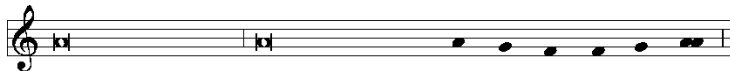
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



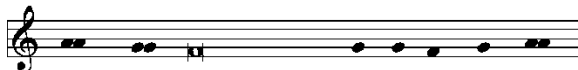
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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 peo-ple 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

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

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

Proverbs 8:11–22

For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:17–21

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

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 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone’s opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong As ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

- 3 **With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain**
- 4 **Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain**
- 5 **Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain**
- 6 **At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain**

Stand

- 7 **Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain**

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Sit

Sermon **Sem. Moellenhoff to Preach**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray especially this day for our congregation that God would grant all things needful for our spiritual life and welfare. Father, we are Your people and we come together to do Your work. Make us one in spirit and purpose, increase our faith, and fill us with zeal for Your Church and its work. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You for Your Word and the Holy Sacraments, for the blessings of the Gospel ministry in our midst, and for the services of Your house. Preserve us in our faith, protect us from trouble and temptation, and give us joy in our service. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we ask Your blessing on the programs of Christian education in our congregation. Make our people hungry for Your Word. Enlighten those who teach. Help those who learn that all of us understand the truth, truly believe it, and by Your grace, live according to it. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us take seriously Your command to preach the Gospel to all people and show us ways to accomplish this great task in our generation. Let all people now living, including those in our own community, hear of Your love and mercy and be offered the gift of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, the work You give us to do is great, important, and costly. Make us generous in our offerings that Your work may never falter or lag because of our selfishness. Prevent us from measuring the quality of life by the quantity of our possessions and teach us to give according to the measure of Your blessings to us. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Jen Lara, Ian Hutchinson, Brady Twenhafel, Grace Wambold, Cohen Merrill, and Savannah Murphy, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ The Barcelo family from Venezuela and the Aguilar family from Bolivia who recently arrived to study at Concordia the Reformer Seminary, in the Dominican Republic.

- ✝ All military members and veterans.
- ✝ Peace in the Middle East and around the world.
- ✝ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✝ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

P Into Your hands, Father, we commend ourselves, our congregation, and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C 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

The Books of the Bible Song

Zion Sunday School

Stand

Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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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

LSB 180



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

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

LSB 572

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment: Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.**
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning For their sins with cleansing blood.**
- 3 What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last—a second Adam—Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured.**
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners, Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here You pledge our sins are covered, Pledge received in bread and wine:
“Take and eat; this is My body, Given on the cross for you.
Take and drink; this cup of blessing Is My blood poured out for you.”**
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven Known by saints around the throne,
Where the Lamb, in closest union, Lives to love and feed His own.
From His riven side forever Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment Worn by all who feast above.**
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden, Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.**

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

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Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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The Dismissal

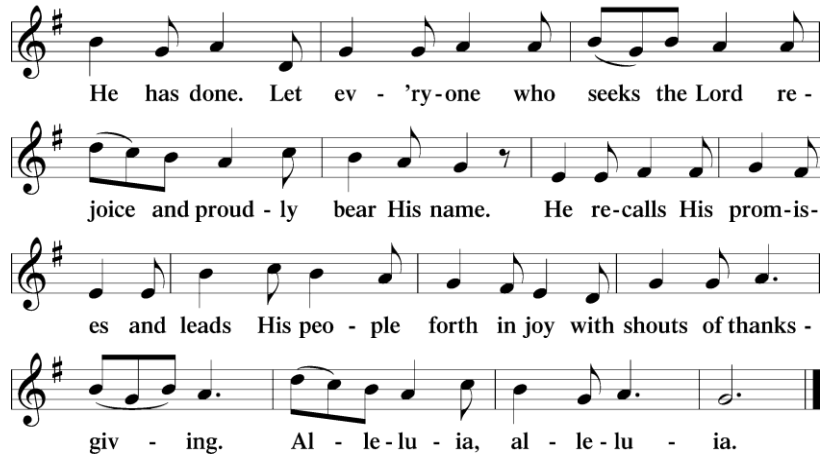
- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

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 -
 joyce 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

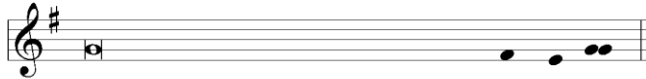
P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

(All Active-Duty Military and Veterans, Please Stand)

- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
- 2 **O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
 By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
 Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.**
- 3 **O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
 O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
 And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.**

Hymn continues on the next page.

**4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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Postlude

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

arr. Charles Ore

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ZION BOARD MEMBER?

At the December Voters meeting on December 14th, we will need to elect new board members. There are 13 open positions to fill for the next term. These are multiple lengths in the terms for Chairman/Vice Chairman, Elders, Trustee, Board of Ed, Sunday School, Finance, and Board Secretary. We have heard from a few voting church members that have expressed interest in the open positions. If you're not a voting member and would like to serve on a board reach out to me or any other council member before December 7th. If you have any questions, contact Mike Twenhafel.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-THE SHOEBOX PROJECT

I will be picking up the Christmas boxes on Monday November 13th, to take to the collection location on the 14th. I am so grateful for the generosity our Zion Family always shows, but I do have one more request. We need donations for shipping. Each box costs \$10.00, if anyone is able to assist with the shipping fees it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Konya

UPDATE ON CONCERNED CHRISTIANS GAS CARD COLLECTION

Currently, we have collected enough money to purchase 32 gas gift cards to be distributed by the Mascoutah Food Pantry. We are in need of 60 cards. 28 cards are still needed to make our goal. If you haven't donated and would like to help with this, please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church or place cash in the glass jars in the back of the church. We are currently short \$1,400. It is our hope to have our final collection by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you. Ken and Gail Frey

FRESH, LOCALLY HARVESTED HONEY!

The Ladies Aid has acquired pints of local honey and is offering them for sale. Stop by the table in the narthex and pick some up!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN JANUARY

LifeLight Bible Study will resume on January 8, 2024. Join us in the church basement at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings as we study *Parables*. LifeLight provides a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture so Christian adults may grow their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Call or text Lionel (618-806-8993) for questions or information about LifeLight; call or text Randy (571-550-1748) NLT December 1 to join the January class.

ORGAN REDEDICATION CONCERT

Would you like to spend Thanksgiving Eve singing hymns? Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, Illinois is hosting a concert to dedicate their newly restored and improved Wicks organ! "Hymns Through the Church Year" will feature a number of congregational hymns, as well as some Bach, played by organist Nancy

Peterson. The concert is on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 PM. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 3745 Broadway in Highland.

13th ANNUAL OKAWVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL - TODAY

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Okawville, is hosting their 13th Annual Music Festival today, November 12th at 3 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 206 East Schumacher, Okawville. Admission is free. Offering will be received to support Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music at St. John Lutheran Church in New Minden, IL. The chili, chicken soup, and pie supper will follow in the school gym.

IMMANUEL, OKAWVILLE - CHILI, CHICKEN SOUP, & PIE SUPPER - TODAY

Immanuel Men's Club/Alumni Association is hosting an "All You Can Eat" chili, chicken soup, and pie supper today, November 12th from 4-7 PM at Immanuel Lutheran School Gym, 606 S. Hanover, Okawville. They will be serving chili, hot dogs, chicken soup, dessert, and a drink. Adults are \$12, Children ages 6-10 are \$6, and 5 and under are free. Carry outs available (bring your own container).

ORGAN CONCERT - TODAY

You are cordially invited to an Organ Concert featuring Mr. Matthew Gerhardt on the beautiful Martin Ott pipe organ at Lord of Life Lutheran Church today, November 12, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gerhardt is the Kantor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, Missouri, and an accomplished organist. The program will include the music of Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Vierne and Gerre Hancock, as well as some hymn singing, improvisations on the keyboard and narratives from the artist. Lord of Life is located at 15750 Baxter Road in Chesterfield, at the intersection of Clarkson Road. No tickets are required; however, a freewill offering will be gratefully received, and a reception follows the event. For more information please visit: <https://www.lordoflifelcms.org/home>

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTED BY ZION BETHALTO - TODAY

"Surviving the Holidays," a special free event for those grieving the loss of loved ones, will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, today, November 12, 2023, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to hear a presentation about resources, strategies, and tools for coping with grief during the holiday season. For more information, call the church office at 618-377-8314 or email churchoffice@zionbethalto.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT GOOD SHEPHERD, COLLINSVILLE

"Surviving the Holidays" is a 1-night-only seminar for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This support session will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville. After entering the parking lot turn right and drive down behind the church. Enter through the door next to the window with the GriefShare sign. You can register at 618- 344-3151. It will be a DVD and facilitated support group type discussion. There is no charge to participate. The session will last from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Hear stories from Deaconess Kim Buelmann (missionary to refugees in Germany), Benjamin Kolodziej (history of LCMS music), and Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor and Rev. Ken Krueger (church worker wellness) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), begin studying 1 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study Mark 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

RESPONDING TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST CHRISTIANITY...

When people challenge the truths of the Christian faith, do find yourself at a loss for answers? You can listen to the new audiobook, "Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments against Christianity," at issuesetc.org/objectionsoverruled. This new audiobook is free and produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Timmermans, in celebration of Deanna Kovacs 21st birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Isaac Robinson
Acolytes: Dalton Wambold & Trey Harris
Altar Guild: Jenny Kneschke & Jordan Rehfeldt
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 19

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Rylan Ganey
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

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.	<i>Echo Deadline</i>	
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	New Member Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	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 AUGUST 6: Sunday: 175

Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 6 Sunday School: 58