

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
November 26, 2023
Last Sunday of the Church Year



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

Son of Man, before whom all people of all the nations will stand at the Judgment, increase our love for You at Your divine plan's end, for we cannot conceive a time or an event of greater significance or majesty in all of Your dealing with Your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 184

Confession and Absolution

Prelude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme	J.S. Bach
Hymn	Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying	LSB 516

- 1** "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
- 2** Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.
- 3** Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.


Service of the Word

Introit


Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10

- L** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
- C** everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.
- L** They shall obtain gladness and joy,
- C** and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- L** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
- C** let me know how fleeting I am!
- L** Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You.
- C** Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
- L** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
- C** My hope is in You.
- L** Deliver me from all my transgressions.
- C** Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Gloria Patri



C 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




C 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



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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, 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were

going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon

A Foretaste of the Feast to Come

Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias 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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Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

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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Prayer of the Church

- P** We serve You, O Lord, with gladness and come into Your presence with singing.
- C** **You have made us Your people and the sheep of Your pasture.**
- P** We enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise.
- C** **We give thanks to You for You are good and Your love endures forever.**
- P** Your faithfulness endures to all generations.
- C** **Your promise of creating new heavens and a new earth keeps us hopeful for the future.**
- P** We shall then rejoice and be glad forever, for we shall hear no sound of weeping or cry of distress.
- C** **There will be no more death, and time will stand still.**
- P** Before we call, You will answer, and while we are yet speaking, You will hear.
- C** **We look forward to the indescribable peace that You have prepared for those who love You.**
- P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may keep us alert and prepared to meet Christ, who will come as a bridegroom to claim His bride, the Church.
- C** **Help keep our lamps filled with the oil of faith.**

P Protect us from the evil one, who would have us believe that we can enter the nuptial hall on the faith of someone else.

C Keep us from thinking that Judgment Day will not come during our lifetime.

P Even though the earth be burned up and the elements melt with fervent heat, we will not fear.

C According to Your promise in Christ Jesus assure us that we shall be with You in everlasting life.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Jerry Purdin, Garrett Sax, Sven Peterson, Andrew Dunn, Brennen Dunn, Cadence Dunn, Pat Meier, Matt Krausz, London Mann, Bentley Randol, Rainer Bretz, William Bretz, and Andy Sax, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

✠ Doug Sax, as he suffers from back pain.

✠ Safety for all who travel this holiday weekend.

✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

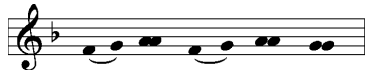
P Enable us to spread Your kingdom without hindrance.

C Grant peace to our nation and the nations of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.



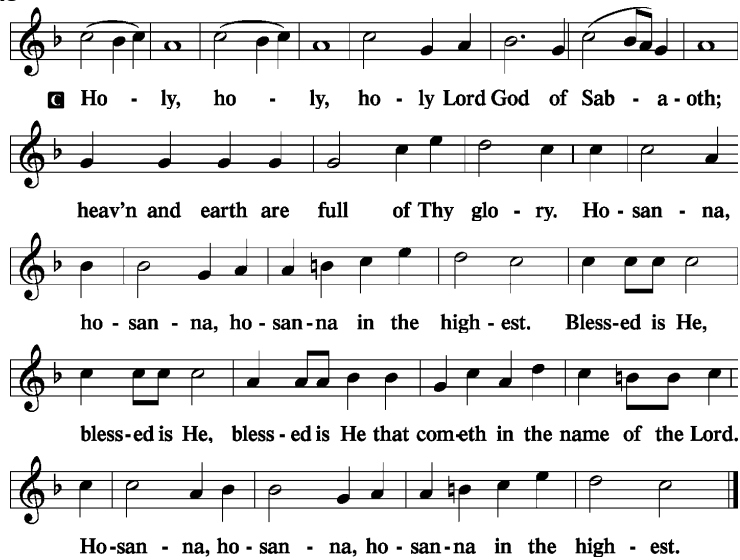
C It is meet and right so to do.

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

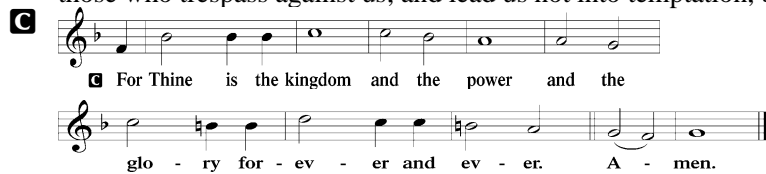


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - 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.

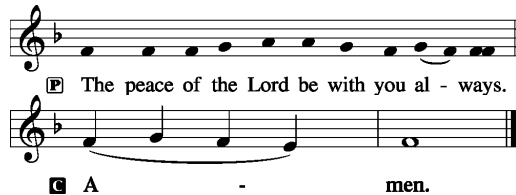
The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

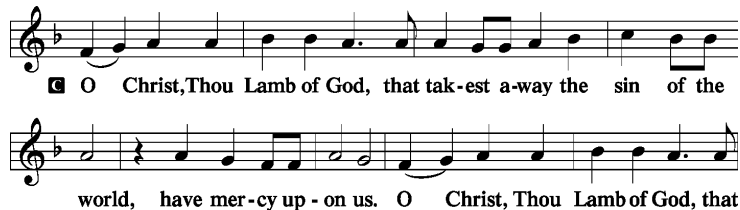
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

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.

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

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

- 1 **The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**
- 2 **Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 **Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**
- 5 **Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

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- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
 With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?
 These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
 And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
 They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
 Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!
 Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.
 On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
 Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.
 They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
 The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.
- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
 Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
 The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
 Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
 The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!
 Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
 Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
 Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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Stand

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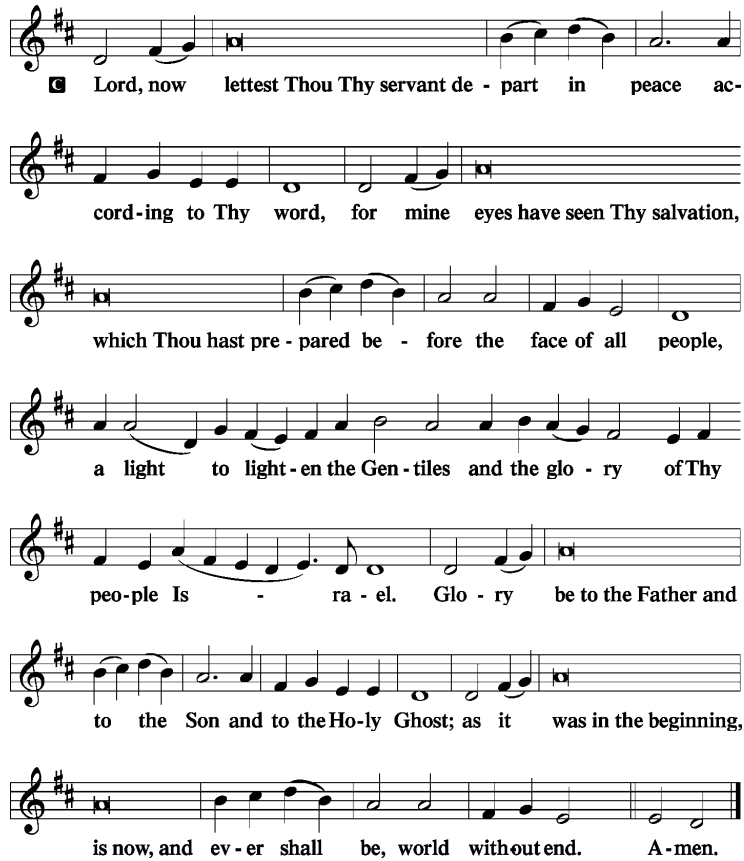
The Dismissal

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



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

- L** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- L** 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- L** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- L** May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us.
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
- C** Amen.

Remain Standing

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

(Congregation will sing stanzas 1,2,4,5, Choir will sing stanza 3)

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

Choir Only

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.*
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Westenkuehler

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



THANK YOU TO OUR TRUMPET PLAYERS

A big thank you to our trumpet players for today, Pastor Clayton, Leif Peterson, and Josh Peterson.

MATTHEW CLAYTON INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICES

Matthew Clayton is now in his third year of Pre-Seminary studies at Concordia University in Chicago. In this capacity, he is regularly assisting with leading worship and distributing the Lord's Supper as part of the chapel services on campus at CUC. He is also taking theology classes and studying Greek and Hebrew. In order to give Matthew additional experiences in preparation for serving as a pastor, the Elders at Zion have approved having Matthew Clayton assist at Zion when he is on break. This will include teaching Adult Bible Class on Nov. 26, and assisting with services on Thanksgiving Day and Nov. 26. His involvement in the services will include reading the Scripture readings and helping distribute Communion, similar to what he has been doing during services at Concordia University, Chicago.

CHANGE IN COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

It has been brought to the Elders' attention that some people who desire to receive Communion from the Chalice have been missed in Communion distribution. To help avoid this problem, the Elders are implementing a change in Communion distribution involving the placement of the acolyte. Instead of one acolyte following the person with the individual cups, both acolytes will have trays to collect the empty individual cups, but they will stand stationary outside the chancel next to the wooden pillars at the front of the church. Those who take the individual cups, please hold your cup out visible in front of you so that the person with the chalice can clearly see who has already communed, and who still needs to commune with the chalice. As you leave the communion rail, please place your individual cup in the tray held by the acolyte. Thank you! (This change will be implemented on December 10th.)

ONE BIG THANK YOU!

What happens when an amazing congregation and a wonderful community come together? One BIG fundraising success! The youth members want to thank each and every donor, each and every participant, and each and every adult who made our annual puzzle fundraiser the BIGGEST one yet! Another big thank you goes to Lita Timmerman for the hours of prep work and cooking she gave to the event. With heartfelt thanks, Zion Youth Group Members

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.

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.

SECRET PAL PROGRAM

Ladies, would you like to have a Secret Pal at Zion? Have you noticed gifts mysteriously appearing at church? Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML members have had secret pals for the past years and have enjoyed it so much, this program is offered to any member of Zion who wishes to participate. You will receive a slip of paper on which to write your name, favorites, etc. from Glenda Pike (or sign up and get a sheet from the narthex table). You are to pray for this person and can send cards or leave cards or small gifts at church during the year. See Glenda by Dec 10 (or see sign up and sheets on the table in the narthex) to get details and sign up. Sh-h-h, don't tell anyone!

HOLY CHILDHOOD BLOOD DRIVE – THIS THURS, NOV. 30th

Holy Childhood Church is holding a blood drive at their Parish Center at 104 N. Independence St. in Mascoutah on Thursday, November 30th from 2:00 – 7:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyChildhood to schedule an appointment.

TRINITY LUTHERAN ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington in Millstadt is hosting its annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9th from 9 AM to Noon. Homemade cookies sold by the pound. Mixed are \$13/lb. and fancy are \$14/lb. Advance orders are welcome. Please call Shirley Boehm at 618-476-1113 to place your order or for more information.

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DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE...

You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 9 a.m. Central, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain or 7 a.m. Pacific at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Thanksgiving.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Phoebe Corey
Acolytes: Ella Sax & Bristol Sax
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads & Phoebe Corey
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 3

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Liturgist Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: William Huth & Max Lara
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

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.	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I no communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 19: Sunday: 143

Adult Bible Class: 25 High School: 6 Sunday School: 55