

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Day



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

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

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Lamb of God, in whose blood the robes of the saints are washed white to gleaming, and through whom they reign in glory even now, we offer thanks for the gift of eternal life given to Your saints now in glory with You and pray that we may follow their example of faith, that we may be ready and eager to come to You when the distant trumpet blows to summon us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE I WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Many Lutheran Churches use a Processional Cross to begin and end festival services. When a Processional Cross is carried in to lead a procession, the congregation stands.

Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LSB 670

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**
- 2 O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the_ternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**

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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 of Sins

- 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.**

Absolution

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

Service of the Word

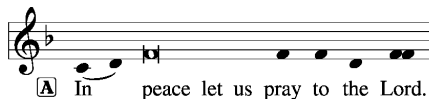
Introit

Psalm 149:1-9

- L** Praise the LORD!
- C** **Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!**
- L** Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
- C** **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**
- L** Let them praise His name with dancing,
- C** **making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**
- L** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
- C** **He adorns the humble with salvation.**
- L** Let the godly exult in glory;
- C** **let them sing for joy on their beds.**
- L** Let the high praises of God be in their throats
- C** **and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- L** to execute vengeance on the nations
- C** **and punishments on the peoples,**
- L** to bind their kings with chains
- C** **and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
- L** to execute on them the judgment written!
- C** **This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise the LORD!**
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** Praise the LORD!
- C** **Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Kyrie

LSB 152



A For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 unity 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 worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

Refrain

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

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, 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. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Choir

Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us

Robert Hobby

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

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

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

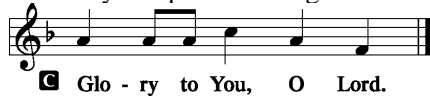


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

For All the Saints

LSB 677

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3** Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5** And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6** The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 **But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Stand

8 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Sit

Sermon With Angels and Archangels, and All the Company of Heaven

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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 Alleluia, Alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P Gracious Father, You brought forth Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead. With joy we remember His victory over death and hell. He is the Head of the holy Church both here on earth and in eternal glory. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P Holy and almighty God, we do not forget those who have finished their course of faith and now rest from their labors. We remember with love those dear ones and friends who confessed Your name on earth and who now sing Your praise in eternal glory. We thank You for their time among us. May their earthly witness of the blessed Savior remind us of His goodness and His promise of life eternal to all who confess the name of Your Son. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P Dearest Jesus, adored by saints and angels, You have promised to be with us even to our old age. Hear the prayers of all who in later years call upon You for needed strength of body and mind. Continue to guide, protect and watch over those whose long life has been blessed by You. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P For those whose earthly life draws to an end, give them patience as they wait upon You, Holy Father. Comfort these Your children in their last hours of earthly life. May they be renewed in spirit with Your steadfast love that they may rejoice and be glad throughout their remaining days. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P As we remember the aged and dying, strengthen the hands of all who care for these loved ones and friends, loving Savior. Give all caregivers energy and patience to kindly care for Your children whose eternal rest draws near. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

P Bless all those who partake of the Lord's Supper this day, that they may receive the body and blood of the Lord and trust in the good things and abundant riches which He offers in the Sacrament. Alleluia, alleluia, with saints and angels,

C we praise You, O Lord.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Chelsea Eatherton, Rebecca Allen, Hannah Drinnon, Jordan Rehfeldt, Aspen Sax, Emerson Segelhorst, Kim Drinnon, Dawson Rowold, and Lori Clayton, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

✠ All the families who have lost loved ones in the past year, that they may be comforted in the hope of the resurrection.

- ✚ Through the VDMA Project the Dominican Seminary, Concordia the Reformer, is benefitting from many of the materials being translated into Spanish. (VDMA is a Latin acronym that translates, “The Word of the Lord endures forever.”)
- ✚ Zion’s Elders, Board of Education, Sunday School staff, and Evangelism Committee.
- ✚ Faithfulness in our lives as Christian Stewards.

P Be with the lonely, comfort the sick, and bring the assurance of Your forgiveness to the penitent.
C We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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 161

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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

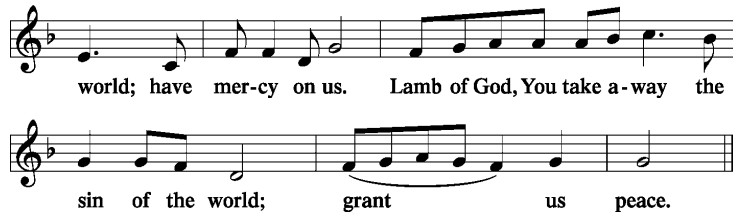
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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



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 blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

This hymn, "With Angels and Archangels," was written by Pastor Alan Kornacki, who serves as pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Campbell Hill, IL and Bethel Lutheran Church, Du Quoin, IL. Pastor Kornacki's 15-year-old son, Michael, died unexpectedly on September 28, 2022. That same evening, Pastor Kornacki wrote this hymn text in memory of his son. This hymn was sung for the first time at Michael Kornacki's funeral on October 8, 2022. This hymn is used with Pastor Kornacki's permission.

Hymn

With Angels and Archangels

Tune of LSB 906

- 1 With angels and archangels, They gather 'round the throne:
The company of heaven, Whom God claims as His own.
They sing the hymn of triumph To Christ, the Savior true,
Who died and rose victorious That Man would live anew.**
- 2 The saints, the dear departed, Now rest, their labors done
These servants, true and faithful, Whose race in life is won,
Receive their crowns from Jesus, For with their final breath
They made the good confession, Yes, even unto death.**
- 3 The Patriarchs and martyrs, Apostles, prophets, kings:
They praise the Lamb forever. Their hymn of glory rings!
They long to hear the trumpet, to rise to life again,
To live with Christ forever In His eternal reign.**
- 4 The day is surely coming. Our Christ is coming soon!
With eager expectation, On Him we now commune.
The holy host of heaven Shall join us at the rail
With Christ, our risen Savior, Our peace in death's dark vale.**

Stand

- 5 We glorify you, Father. Lord Jesus, endless praise.
O Spirit blest, the Helper, Be worshiped all our days.
Like those who went before us, We sing Christ's victory
And pray for faith unshrinking Until we rise, set free!**

Sit

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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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.

Post Communion Canticle -- Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

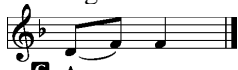


with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

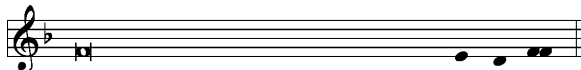
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166



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.



Remain Standing

When a service begins with a procession led by a Processional Cross, it also will usually end with a recessional also led by the Processional Cross. Again, the congregation stands for the recessional.

Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory
(Sung to the tune of Ode to Joy, LSB 803)

LSB 671

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.**
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.**
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



USE OF PROCESSIONAL CROSS TODAY

The processional cross, which was donated by Pastor Don and Emily Stein, will be used for a processional and recessional today in honor of All Saints' Sunday. It is customary for churches--including Lutheran churches--to begin and end Festival services with a processional and recessional, led by the cross. This reminds us of the victory that Jesus won for us by His death on the cross, and that we live as He has called us to "take up our cross and follow Him." Zion's new processional cross was used in that way for Pastor Stein's Ordination and will be used both Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday, as well as for upcoming Festival Services such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sundays. "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His saving name!"

NOVEMBER ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The November Echo is now available. Pick one up in the narthex today!

SANCTUS WINDS--A SACRED BAND CONCERT—TODAY, NOV. 5th

The inaugural concert of the Sanctus Winds, a community band performing sacred and traditional repertoire, will be at 4:00 pm today, November 5 at Peace Lutheran Church, located at 737 Barracksview Rd in St. Louis. Several people from Zion, Mascoutah are participating in this band, including Pastor Clayton, Johnathan Clayton, Goldie Derezotes, Cary Robinson, Josh Peterson, and Leif Peterson! The theme for the concert is "Life Eternal," giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us and anticipating the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Admission is free, and no tickets are required.

FRESH, 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.

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!

THANK YOU TO THE CHOIR

From a member: thanks to the choir for the two beautiful, spiritually uplifting performances last Sunday. Thanks also to the men's choir who did two songs the week before. We are so blessed! To quote Martin Luther, "Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION PRAYER UPDATE

The Southern Illinois District (SID) of the LCMS is in mission partnership with the "Concordia the Reformer" Seminary in the Dominican Republic. For the next few weeks, we will include a prayer for the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic in the Divine Service each week, and then have a bulletin announcement sharing a bit more information about that prayer. This week, we thank God for the translation work being done to make important theological works available in Spanish for use at the Concordia the Reformer Seminary. The latest translation news is that 7,000 copies of Lutheran hymnals in Spanish are now available in the Dominican Republic! Lutheran Heritage Fund (LHF) has printed 18,000 additional copies of this hymnal, which are on their way to other Lutheran churches throughout South and Central America. As with the first edition of this groundbreaking hymnal that is uniting Spanish-speaking Lutherans around the world, this project was accomplished by the blessing of the Holy Spirit and in partnership with the Spanish Hymnal Committee, LCMS Latin America, and LCMS Office of National Mission, as well as through the mission gifts of many generous LHF supporters. Another VDMA project that is benefitting the seminarians, deaconess, and church plants in the Dominican is the PDF formatted Daily Devotions in Spanish that are now available.

18th ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER

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

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

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

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-THE SHOEBOX PROJECT

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD INFO

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

GAS CARDS FOR CONCERNED CHRISTIANS - DONATIONS NEEDED

The Food Pantry/Concerned Christians of Mascoutah would like to give \$50 gas gift cards to families from the food pantry. This would be given before Christmas. As members of Zion, we'd like to ask for donations toward these gas cards. Collections would be taken until November 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

65th ANNUAL WURSTMARKT - TODAY

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

13th ANNUAL OKAWVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Okawville, is hosting their 13th Annual Music Festival on Sunday, 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

Immanuel Men's Club/Alumni Association is hosting an "All You Can Eat" chili, chicken soup, and pie supper on Sunday, 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).

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTED BY ZION BETHALTO

"Surviving the Holidays," a special free event for those grieving the loss of loved ones, will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, on Sunday, 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

ORGAN CONCERT

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 on Sunday, 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>

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EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Scientific Vocation, The Movie "The Exorcist: Believer," Lutheran Bioethics, Witnessing to Unbelievers 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.

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



<https://tinyurl.com/puzzlerace2023>

WHEN?

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

WHERE?

Zion Lutheran Church Gym
101 South Railway
Mascoutah, IL 62258

WHAT?

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

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

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

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

HOW MUCH?

~ \$60 per team ~

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

WHY?

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church.

WHO?

All ages capable of assembling a 750-piece puzzle.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jennifer Lara at 618.530.8827

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Krausz family, in celebration of Matt and Melissa's birthdays.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Ryan Hinton, Leif Peterson, & Isaiah Clayton (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 12

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

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun. *All Saints' Day*
Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS I w/communion 10:00 AM
Men's Club 6:00 PM
Wed. No Preschool – Parent/Teacher Conferences
New Member Class 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Hand Chime Rehearsal 8:00 PM
Thurs. No Preschool – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri. *Veteran's Day Observed – Church Office Closed*
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 II w/communion 10:00 AM

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