

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
December 6, 2023
1st Advent Midweek Service



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 evening 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.

Vespers

Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

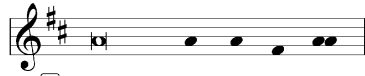
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- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

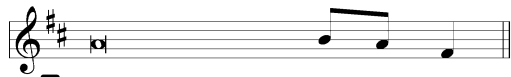
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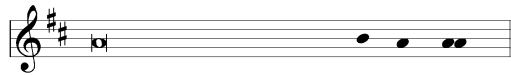
Opening Versicles *(Use Advent Response)*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



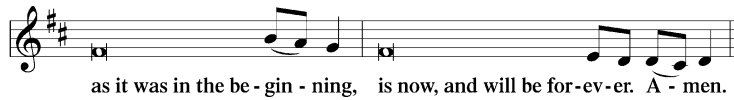
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 147

- L** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
- C** for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- L** The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
- C** He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- L** He heals the brokenhearted
- C** and binds up their wounds.
- L** He determines the number of the stars;
- C** He gives to all of them their names.
- L** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
- C** His understanding is beyond measure.
- L** The LORD lifts up the humble;
- C** He casts the wicked to the ground.
- L** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
- C** make melody to our God on the lyre!
- L** He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;
- C** He makes grass grow on the hills.
- L** He gives to the beasts their food,
- C** and to the young ravens that cry.
- L** His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
- C** nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,
- L** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
- C** in those who hope in His steadfast love.
- L** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
- C** Praise your God, O Zion!
- L** For He strengthens the bars of your gates;
- C** He blesses your children within you.
- L** He makes peace in your borders;
- C** He fills you with the finest of the wheat.
- L** He sends out His command to the earth;
- C** His word runs swiftly.
- L** He gives snow like wool;
- C** He scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- L** He hurls down His crystals of ice like crumbs;
- C** who can stand before His cold?
- L** He sends out His word, and melts them;
- C** He makes His wind blow and the waters flow.
- L** He declares His word to Jacob,
- C** His statutes and just decrees to Israel.

Refrain

This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

Sit

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

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Sermon

**Pastor Karl Gregory to Preach
Our Lord's Authority over the Satanic Realm**

Offering

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

Stand

Antiphon (Common)

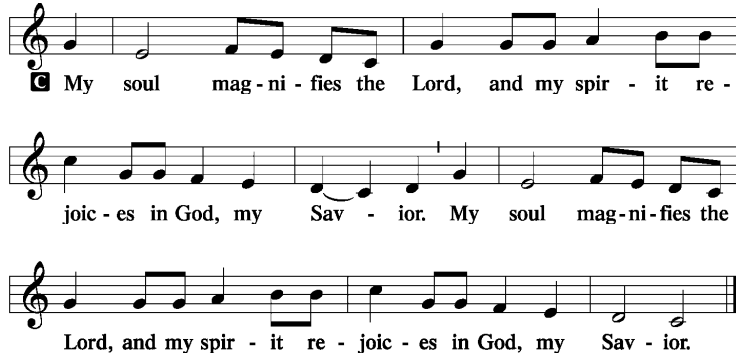
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Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,
and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

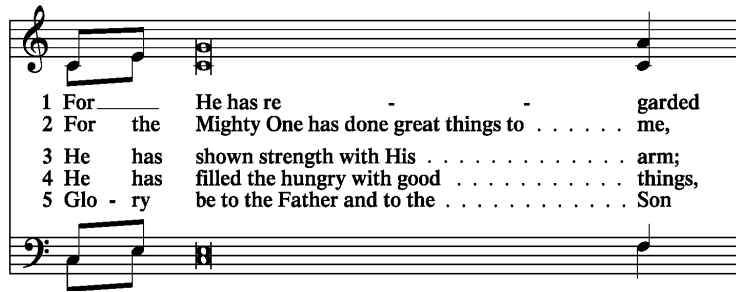
Canticle

Magnificat

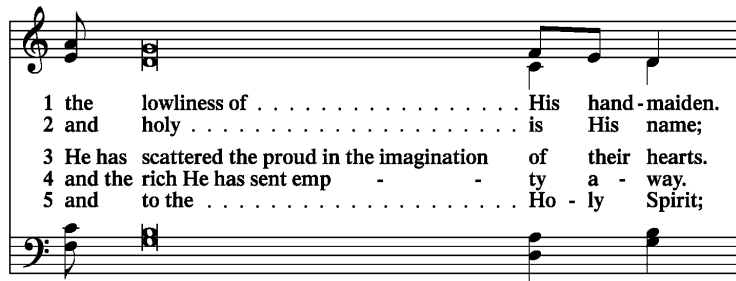
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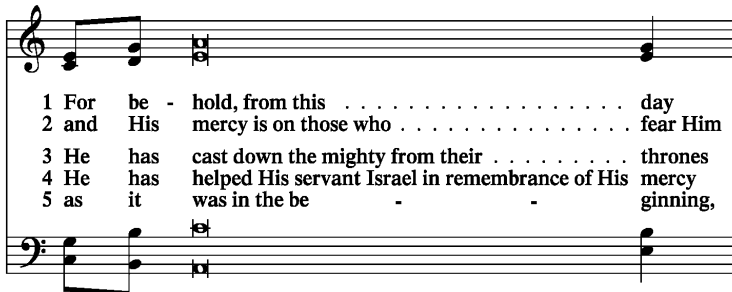
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-
joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



1 For He has re-garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
2 and holy is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent empty away.
5 and to the Ho-ly Spirit;



1 For be-hold, from this day
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the beginning,

1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Prayer

Litany

LSB 249

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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 mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C** **Alleluia!**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect For the First Sunday of Advent

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 252



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 252



L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Sit

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

Stand

- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, PASTOR GREGORY

Pastor Karl Gregory has been serving the saints of Messiah Lutheran in Lebanon since June 2017. He and his wife Nancy hail from South Central Minnesota, and they will soon be married for 46 years. After serving 20 years in the USAF, he began his journey to Ordination serving his Vicarage at St. Paul in Hamel, IL. After Ordination, he served 3 congregations in South Dakota, and he rides a Harley.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS - NOW AVAILABLE

Advent devotion booklets are now available. Pick one up from the table in the narthex today!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the wonderful news of God's gift of a Savior, the Baby born at Christmas. The best way to prepare for Christmas is not buying presents and going to parties and concerts but hearing God's Word in God's House. Here are the opportunities we have to gather together to hear God's Word and receive His gifts this Advent and Christmas season!

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 PM: Advent Midweek Service, Pastor Gregory preaching on "Our Lord's Authority over the Satanic Realm"

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 PM: Advent Midweek Service, Pastor Keseman preaching on "Our Lord's Authority over Sin"

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 PM: Advent Midweek Service, Pastor Clayton preaching on "Our Lord's Authority over Death"

Sunday, December 17, 10:00 AM: Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Divine Service

Please mark all these opportunities on your calendar and join your brothers and sisters in faith in all of these services, as God comes to us to bless us and strengthen us! Being together in worship is the most important preparation for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ZION VOTER'S MEETING – DECEMBER 14th

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the December Voter's Meeting on December 14th at 7 PM in the church basement. We will be electing new officers, voting on the budget, etc. If you are a voting member it is important you attend the meeting so we can make our quorum. Thanks!

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!

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 19th, for our annual Christmas party and potluck (side dishes only, meat will be furnished). We eat at 6:00 and then will have a short program. You may bring a \$5 gift for exchange; if you have a Secret Pal, that gift may be brought also. We take a collection for Concordia Seminary. It's a fun and special evening. Plan to attend. See Glenda for more details.

ZION'S 140th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS – GREAT GIFT IDEA.... SALE PRICE \$10!

Zion has added many new members in the past thirteen years. Have you looked through our cookbook? It contains more than 475 recipes, as well as some history about Zion and some fun entries as well. They sell for only \$10. Don't forget our wonderful cookbooks as you look over your Christmas list. They make great gifts!

CHRISTIAN-THEMED CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Ladies Aid has beautiful Christian-themed 2024 calendars for sale. We have a limited number, so they may go fast! They are \$6 each. We also have a wide variety of Christmas Cards for sale at very reasonable prices. See the table in the hall outside the office to shop. See Candy or Glenda to pay.

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!

TRINITY LUTHERAN ANNUAL COOKIE WALK – THIS SAT., DEC 9th

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Karl Gregory
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 10

Proclaimer: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Viviana Jeffries
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	First Advent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	No Confirmation Class	
	Children's Christmas Program Practice	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM