

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

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Baptism of our Lord



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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The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R *Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey*

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

P Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsors.

P Is it your intention to serve Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hand on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

When a candidate for Baptism is too young to answer the following questions, the child's parents and sponsors faithfully answer the questions addressed to the child on behalf of the one under their care:

- P** Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey, do you renounce the devil?
R *Yes, we renounce him.*
P Do you renounce all his works?
R *Yes, we renounce them.*
P Do you renounce all his ways?
R *Yes, we renounce them.*
P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
R *Yes, we believe.*
P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
R *Yes, we believe.*
P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
R *Yes, we believe.*
P Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey do you desire to be baptized?
R *Yes, we do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the heads of the candidates while saying:

- P** Kinsley Rose Yankey, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Kennedy Rose Yankey, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hand on the heads of the newly baptized while saying:

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.
C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly

kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4; 92:1

- L** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C they sing praises to Your name.
L It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.
L Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
L Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!
C So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.
L All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C they sing praises to Your name.”
L Come and see what God has done:
C He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.
L Blessed be God,
C because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!
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 All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C they sing praises to Your name.
L It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

Kyrie

LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



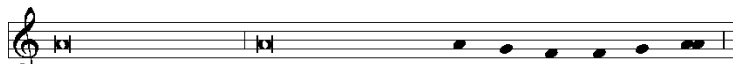
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



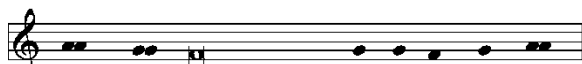
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

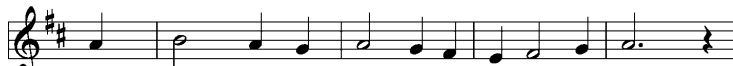
LSB 171



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



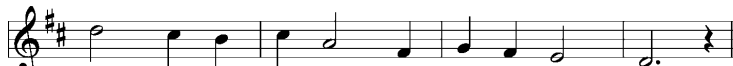
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



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



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



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

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ... The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” ... “And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597

- 1** Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
- 2** In a wat’ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death’s raging flood.
- 3** Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.

- 4 **Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.**
- 5 **Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.**

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Sermon

God's Work for Us

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Almighty and gracious God, Creator and Judge of all people, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- C** We praise You for Your concern to establish justice on the earth.
- P** We thank You for sending Your Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring justice to all nations.
- C** We thank You for identifying Him as Your beloved Son by anointing Him with the Holy Spirit and power at His baptism.
- P** For revealing Yourself as the Triune God at the baptism of our Lord,
- C** We give You humble and hearty thanks.
- P** We confess, O Lord, that we have no righteousness of our own.
- C** We are truly thankful that in our baptism You have given us forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- P** For forgetting the significance of our baptism,
- C** Forgive us, O Lord.
- P** For not measuring up to our high calling as Your sons and daughters,
- C** We ask Your forgiveness.
- P** We do not appeal to Your justice for what we deserve, but we appeal to Your mercy.
- C** Have mercy on us, Lord.
- P** As You anointed Your Son with the Holy Spirit and power, help us remember that in our own baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Through Him we have the power to believe Your Holy Word and receive the baptized Christ as our Savior.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Wyatt Bigley, Elizabeth Bogue, Andrew Hosler, Nicole Roehrig, and Ruth Rincker, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey, as they are baptized today.

- ✠ Kyrielle Corey, as she has surgery tomorrow.
- ✠ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

P Grant that all people may hear the Good News that in Jesus Christ there is peace.

C This we ask in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Sit

Offering

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

Special Offering Music Fugue on 'All Christians Who Have Been Baptized' J. Behnke

Stand

Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



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



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**
- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.**
- 3 But all of that was washed away—Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!**

Hymn**To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

LSB 405

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.**
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.**
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."**
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.**
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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Hymn**Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

LSB 590

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.**
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.**

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*Stand**In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:***The Dismissal**

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

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

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

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

- 1** Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2** When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

Hymn continues on the next page.

**3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

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Postlude

Toccatà on 'To Jordan's River Came Our Lord'

M. Biery

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WE WELCOME KINSLEY ROSE YANKEY AND KENNEDY ROSE YANKEY

Congratulations to Scott and Nicole Yankey on the rebirth in Baptism of Kinsley Rose Yankey and Kennedy Rose Yankey. Kinsley's sponsors are her uncle, Andrew Burton and soon to be aunt, Stephanie Conreaux. Kennedy's sponsors are her uncle and aunt, Jarrett and Anne Ceglinksi. Welcome, Kinsley and Kennedy!

LORD'S SUPPER THANK YOU

It was a great joy to be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper with those who desired to receive it after the regular service on January 7th. While not everyone in the congregation wants to receive the Lord's Supper more regularly, a significant portion of the congregation does have this desire and rejoiced to be able to receive this gift. On a typical Communion Sunday in 2023, about 80-120 people would receive the Lord's Supper, for an average of about 100 communicants per service. On January 7th, about 50 people remained after the regular service to receive the Lord's Supper. This shows that there is a true hunger to receive the Lord's Supper more often, and we rejoice to be able to provide this opportunity to those who desire it. Thank you to all for their patience and understanding as we undertake this new practice.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BIBLE READING GOAL MET

Congratulations to Zion's Fifth and Sixth Grade Confirmation students! These students set a goal of reading or listening to 400 Bible chapters from Nov. 19, our last class session before rehearsing for the Christmas program, until Jan. 7 when we met again for class. They did it and far exceeded their goal! A total of 633 chapters were read by the nine Fifth and Sixth Grade students. We are celebrating this Sunday during class by watching an episode of "The Chosen" and enjoying snacks. These students can be a great encouragement to all of us!

PRAISE GOD FOR WONDERFUL FINANCIAL BLESSINGS IN 2023

The Church Council is very pleased to announce that we were extremely blessed in our offerings in 2023. The month of December 2023 featured probably the highest giving for a month in the congregation, at least for the last several years. December offerings included several very significant donations, for which we are very grateful. We were blessed to end the year with about \$5,000 more in the general fund that we started the year. Thanks and praise be to God, and thanks to all the members of Zion for their faithful stewardship.

UPCOMING TRIP TO ISRAEL FOR PASTOR AND SEVERAL ZION MEMBERS

Pastor Clayton is leading a tour to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, and will be gone January 22-February 9, 2024. Several members from Zion are also going on this Holy Land journey. Sunday services will be covered by LCMS military chaplains who are currently serving at the LCMS International Center, leading the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, where they work with Lee Hinton. Our guest pastors will be Chaplain Steve Hokana on January 28, 2024, and Chaplain Craig Muehler February 4, 2024.

NO MEN'S CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY

The Men's Club will not have a January meeting, we will begin the new year with a meeting in February instead. Men's Club typically has a meal and watches a religious-themed movie, and all men of the congregation are invited! We look forward to seeing the men of the congregation in February!

ZION LADIES: PLEASE JOIN US THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th

This Thursday, January 18th, will be the First Ladies Aid meeting of the new year. We will have a new theme, agenda, and activities, and would love to have you come and see what we are all about! Join us Thursday evening at 7 PM.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY – NEXT SUNDAY

The youth group is having their white elephant gift exchange Christmas party after church on Sunday, January 21st. Please bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange (\$10 or under). We will have a potluck style lunch, so please sign up in the narthex with what you will bring. Youth in 5th grade through high school are welcome!

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Please see Amy Kolweier, Karen Eldridge, or Jenny Kneschke for your end of year finance statement.

CHOIR & HAND CHIME REHEARSALS TO RESUME

Choir and hand chime rehearsals resume this Wednesday, January 17th. We look forward to seeing many singers in the choir loft at 7 PM! New members are always welcome.

FAMILY MOVIE

The Men's Club will present *Chicken Little* for kids of all ages on Saturday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. When the sky really is falling and sanity has flown the coop, Chicken Little and his band of misfit friends, must hatch a plan to save the planet from alien invasion. Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP AT ZION BELLEVILLE

Hey Pastors and Lay Leaders: Does your parish struggle to meet the budget? Does the thought of hearing (or preaching) a sermon on financially supporting the church make you cringe? How do we encourage generous living without becoming legalists? Join us at Zion Lutheran Church, Belleville, IL, on Thursday, February 22nd to hear from LCMS Stewardship Coordinator, Rev. Heath Curtis. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for church. Please RSVP to the Zion Belleville office by February 14th at 618-233-2299. Pastors and Elders arrive at 3 PM. Lay Leaders arrive at 5:30 PM for dinner. Out the door no later than 8:30 PM.

NEW ADDRESS FOR PAT MEIER

We received a Christmas photo card from Pat Meier. (It is posted on the door of the church office.) Pat has moved rooms at her care facility in Texas. Here is her new address:

Brookdale Hollywood Park

Pat Meier, Room 38

16911 San Pedro

Hollywood Park, TX 78232

If you would like to include her in your Christmas cards and letters, she would love to hear from her Zion family!

VBS DIRECTOR NEEDED

It's cold and snowy out, but already it's time to be thinking about Summer Vacation Bible School! We are looking for someone to be Director of VBS for this summer. We always seem to get plenty of helpers for the program, but we need someone to lead the way. Please consider stepping up for this important position. Contact Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987 if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC SPRING SEMESTER OPENINGS

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg has openings for private music lessons and for “Mini Music Makers” classes for the spring semester. Lessons are available for youth and adults. Weekly 30- or 60-minute lessons are offered on piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, organ, and voice. To register, email Hannah@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call 618-353-3322. “Mini Music Makers” classes are offered on Monday or Tuesday morning. For more information about the “Mini Music Makers” classes, email Jenny Patterson at jenny@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call or text The Academy (618) 353-3322. More information can be found online at theacademyofmusic.org.

SID JR. HIGH RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG

The SID Jr. High Retreat is scheduled for January 26th -27th. This retreat is specially crafted for youth in sixth through eighth grade, promising an unforgettable experience filled with exciting activities. Your youth can look forward to engaging in field games, indoor rock climbing, teamwork initiatives, a campfire, and much more! This year, our Bible study theme is 'Where is He?' We'll be exploring the concept that Jesus is everywhere, even within us. It's an opportunity for personal growth, reflection, and connection with others. We'd love for your youth to join us for this enriching and fun-filled retreat. The cost is \$99, and you can secure your spot by registering today at <https://campwartburg.com/>.

WANTED: CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE AT LCMS INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSIONARY ORIENTATION

LCMS Missionary Winter Orientation is coming up at the International Center in St. Louis, Missouri and God has blessed us with a number of new missionary families! While the parents receive their orientation to prepare them for life as an LCMS Missionary, an age-appropriate orientation for the children is critical to a successful deployment. The LCMS International Center is looking for qualified individuals to serve our missionary families in the following capacities: Activity Coordinator, Day Care Lead Teacher, Day Care Assistant, and Middle School and Elementary Assistant Teachers. The Missionary Orientation Dates are January 29 – February 2 and March 18-22 with future dates over the Summer. The hours are 7:30 – 5:30 (morning and afternoon shifts available). Pay is provided at an hourly rate. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mark Wolfram, 314-556-7589, Mark.wolfram@lcms.org.

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TITUS BIBLE STUDY...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Titus. He will begin a study on the Book of Ruth on January 23. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Timmermans, in celebration of Tony's birthday and the Corey family, in celebration of the January birthdays of Phoebe, Kyrielle, Rhiannon, and Robert.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Max Lara
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & Dawn Corey
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 21

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Isaac Robinson
Acolytes: Ella Sax & Bristol Sax
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>MLK Jr Day – No Preschool; Church Office Closed</i>	
	<i>Echo Deadline</i>	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Thurs.	Elders Meeting	6:30 PM
	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 7: Sunday: 154

Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 9 Sunday School: 45