

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Mascoutah, Illinois  
January 21, 2024  
*Septuagesima*  
*Seventy Days before Easter*



*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

Holy Spirit of the Godhead, who has called us into the marvelous light of Christ, lead us also in the footsteps of Christ that the sinner in us always gives way to our sainthood in Christ; through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Prelude Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Hymn With the Lord Begin Your Task *LSB 869*

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- 4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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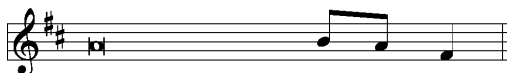
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## Versicles

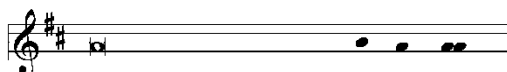
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☐ O Lord, o - pen my lips,



☐ and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



☐ 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;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon (Common)

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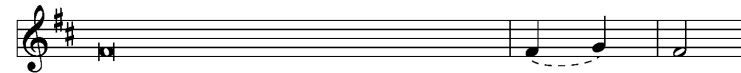
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



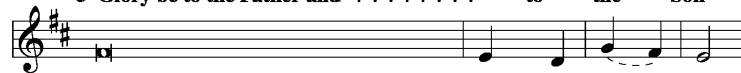
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Venite

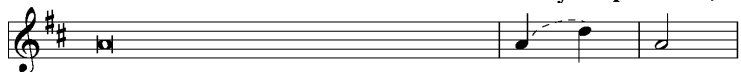
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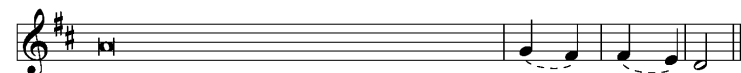
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Antiphon (Common)

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**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## Psalm

*Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6*

- L** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**C** let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**L** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
**C** let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!  
**L** For the LORD is a great God,  
**C** and a great King above all gods.  
**L** In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
**C** the heights of the mountains are His also.  
**L** The sea is His, for He made it,  
**C** and His hands formed the dry land.  
**L** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
**C** let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
**L** For He is our God,  
**C** and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.  
**L** Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
**C** as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
**L** when your fathers put Me to the test  
**C** and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.  
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.

*Sit*

## Hymn

### By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

- 5 **By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?**
- 6 **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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### First Reading

*Exodus 17:1-7*

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Benjamin Harlan

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5*

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Third Reading

*Matthew 20:1-16*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but

each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Common Responsory

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**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

### Children’s Lunchbox Devotion

#### Hymn

#### Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?  
 Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
 Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
 Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
 You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.  
 If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms,  
 You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion’s wall,  
 Pointing out the path to heaven, Off’ring life and peace to all,  
 With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;  
 You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”  
 While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.  
 Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;  
 Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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#### Sermon

#### The Gift of Vocation

#### 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

# Canticle

## Te Deum - We Praise You and Acknowledge You

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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# Prayer

## Kyrie

LSB 227



☩ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord, our Light and Salvation, You are the Stronghold of our life.

**C** With You as our God, we face the world without fear.

**P** As the heavens are high above the earth, so Your ways are higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts.

**C** We behold Your beauty in the midst of Your sanctuary and dare to bring our petitions before You.

**P** We readily admit, O Lord, that our manner of life has not always been worthy of the Gospel.

**C** We have not always stood firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith.

**P** We have failed to work diligently in Your vineyard and have too readily adopted the standards of the world in desiring rewards for our labors.

**C** For our lack of zeal to work in Your vineyard, forgive us, O Lord.

**P** For begrudging Your favors to those who have worked less than we,

**C** we ask Your forgiveness.

**P** For forgetting that You have already paid us with the gift of salvation,

**C** forgive us, O Lord.

**P** That we may be more enthusiastic about carrying out Your wishes, send us Your Holy Spirit.

**C** Help us to see the opportunities to do Your work, and according to Your mercy, grant success to our labors.

**P** Grant righteousness and peace to our nation and to the nations of the world.

**C** Use us to comfort the lonely and bring hope to the sick and discouraged.

## WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Roy Klingelhofer, Jake Lara, Robin Phillips, and Ted Ahner, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Pastor Clayton and members of Zion, as they travel to Israel tomorrow.
- ✠ Jacob & Erin Beville, as they have been blessed with the birth of Clayton James Beville on Wednesday.
- ✠ Ray McDaniel, as he recovers from heart bypass surgery.
- ✠ Jeff Trefftz, son of Georgia Trefftz, as he is hospitalized.
- ✠ Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.
- ✠ Faithfulness in support of world missions.

**P** Help us to feed the hungry and clothe the needy.

**C** This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.



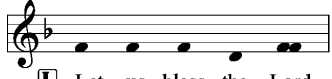
## Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

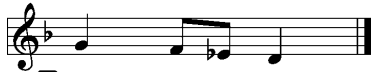
**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

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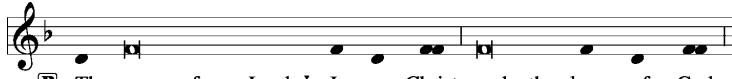


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - - men.

*Sit*

## Hymn

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

- 1** Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3** When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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## Postlude

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

arr. Austin Lovelace

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY -- TODAY**

The youth group is having their white elephant gift exchange Christmas party after church today, January 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are welcome!

### **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.

### **EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE**

While Pastor Clayton is gone in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, Pastor Bruce Keseman from Christ our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg and Pastor Karl Gregory from Messiah Lutheran Church in Lebanon will be filling in for emergency pastoral care if it is needed. If a Zion member is hospitalized or if you have an emergency spiritual care need, please contact Pastor Keseman at 618-641-3475 or Pastor Gregory at 605-254-2348.

### **PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE**

Glenda Pike and Robin Phillips will be working together to send prayer requests out on the prayer chain while Pastor Clayton is gone. To request prayers, please contact Glenda Pike at [gpik478@hotmail.com](mailto:gpik478@hotmail.com). Glenda will write the prayers and pass them along to Robin, who will send them out from Zion's email program. Thanks!

### **SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS**

Lent is quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>), so it is time to sign up for Lenten Meals. Meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up.

Feb 14: Ladies Aid: Meatloaf & Baked Potatoes

Feb 21:

Feb 28:

Mar 6: Men's Club: Tacos

Mar 13:

Mar 20: Elders: Burgers & Brats

Mar 27: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

### **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 probably featured 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 than we started the year. Thanks and praise be to God, and thanks to all the members of Zion for their faithful stewardship.

### **END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**

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

### **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.

### **SOUP DINNER TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN TYLER SIMMONS**

Sunday, February 4, the Ladies Aid will hold a soup dinner after church to welcome Seminarian Tyler Simmons, who is supported by our organization at the seminary. We welcome him, his wife Rachel, and their children. Please sign up to provide a dish--soup, salad, or dessert. We hope to see many of you stay to meet and get to know him.

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Zion's Ladies Aid is again participating in MOSAIC Pregnancy and Health Centers' Baby Bottle Campaign. MOSAIC offers a wide variety of free and confidential pregnancy services, sexual health services, and medically accurate abortion information. They reach out to women, men and their unborn babies with free life-affirming medical services and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each financial gift placed in a bottle is a way to honor these precious little ones saved due to MOSAIC. In the previous year they raised OVER \$92,000 in support from nearly 100 local churches! \*\*\*Please take a bottle from the table in the narthex and fill it with coins, cash, or a check and return to Zion by Sunday, February 11.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jenny@TheAcademyOfMusic.org) or call or text The Academy (618) 353-3322. More information can be found online at [theacademyofmusic.org](http://theacademyofmusic.org).

### **SID JR. HIGH RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG**

The SID Jr. High Retreat is scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. 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/>.

### **BUNCO GAME!**

Join us for \$5 Bunco on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 503 E. Washington, Millstadt, IL. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Elevator available. For reservations or more info call Sharon at 618-476-3299. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, and number of players.

### **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 interest in serving, please contact Mark Wolfram, 314-556-7589, [Mark.wolfram@lcms.org](mailto:Mark.wolfram@lcms.org).

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUE.org](http://KFUE.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfue.org](http://kfue.org): Hear Mental Health Monday and the 3rd episode in the LCMS History Series on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), study 2 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study all of Colossians and the beginning of Lamentations on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

### **RUTH 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 begins a study this week on The Book of Ruth. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or 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 Becky Wachtman, in recognition of those that work with the Right to Life.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 28**

Proclaimer: Chaplain Steven Hokana  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey  
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Viviana Jeffries  
Altar Guild: Becky Wachtman & Lita Timmerman  
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 Matins	10:00 AM
	Youth Group Christmas Party	11:30 AM
Mon.	Board of Ed	6:30 PM
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	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 DS III w/communion	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 14:** Sunday: 119

Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 5 Sunday School: 34