

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

January 28, 2024

Sexagesima

Sixty 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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- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a

- L** Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord?
C **Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!**
L For our soul is bowed down to the dust.
C **Rise up; come to our help!**
L O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
C **what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old:**
L You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted;
C **You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free.**
L But You have saved us from our foes
C **and have put to shame those who hate us.**
L In God we have boasted continually,
C **and we will give thanks to Your name forever.**
L Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord?
C **Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!**
L For our soul is bowed down to the dust.
C **Rise up; come to our help!**

Gloria Patri

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

- L** Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

My Worth is Not in What I Own

David Angerman

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than He sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], He said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As He said these things, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Sit

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon

Chaplain Steven Hokana to Preach

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

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** O Lord God almighty Creator, You spoke and the universe came into being.
- C** By the exertion of Your will the earth was populated with herds and flocks.
- P** By Your Word vegetation and grain sprang forth to nourish all living things.
- C** We are grateful that Your power still exists among us.
- P** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven at Your command and nourish the earth,
- C** so You have promised that Your mighty Word, sown as seed in the hearts of men, women, and children everywhere will produce results.

- P** Send Your Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts to receive Your Holy Word.
- C** Prevent us from hardening our hearts so that Your Word cannot penetrate.
- P** Keep us from short lived emotional reaction to Your Word.
- C** Protect us from the thorns of coveting, which are able to choke out our faith.
- P** Make our hearts a fertile field so that Your Word may produce the fruits of faith a hundredfold.
- C** As we sow the seed of Your Word on the hearts of many, may Your Holy Spirit bless it that it may spring forth into a lively hope.
- P** When, O Lord, we see little or no results of the Word we have spread,
- C** encourage us to remain faithful sowers with Your promise that Your Word shall not return empty.
- P** Bless the administration of our government that it may help provide a healthy climate for the seed we sow to germinate and bring forth fruit.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Bob Eldridge, as he celebrates his Baptismal Anniversary this week.
- ✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- ✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

- P** This we ask in the name of the Lord of the harvest,
- C** even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

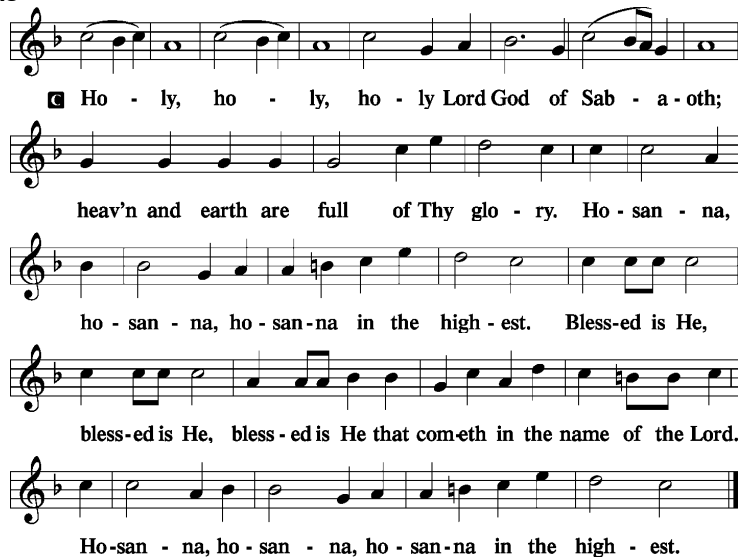
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly meet, 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

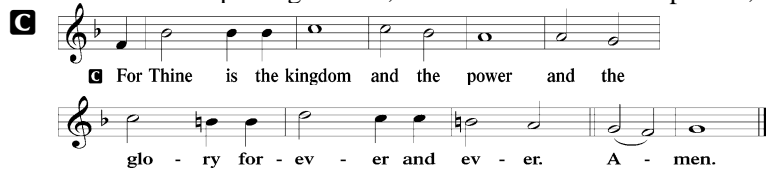


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

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

Pax Domini

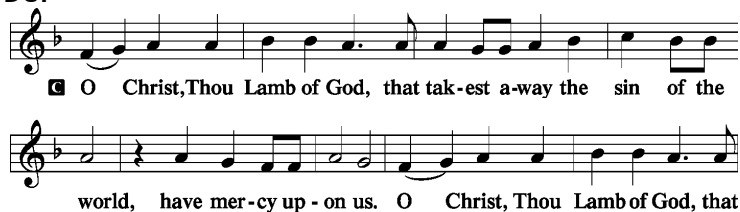
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

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

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

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

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

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

Hymn

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

LSB 577

- 1 **Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.**
- 2 **Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**
- 3 **Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.**
- 4 **So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.**

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Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1 **Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 **Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 **Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 **Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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Stand

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.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

The Lord be with you.



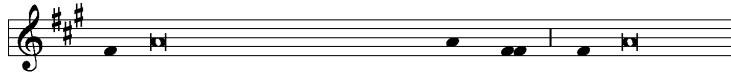
☐ And with thy spir - it.



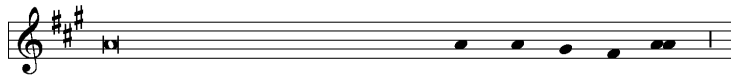
☐ Bless we the Lord.



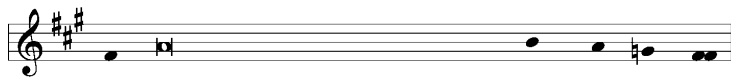
☐ Thanks be to God.



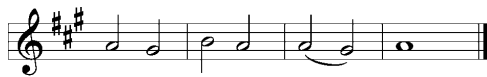
☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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Postlude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

arr. Ben Culli

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, CHAPLAIN HOKANA

Chaplain Steven Hokana serves as the Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He brings more than 26 years of experience as an active-duty U.S. Army chaplain to the position. Chaplain Hokana has served as chief of United States Disciplinary Barracks and manager of Chaplain/Chaplain Assistant Training, U.S. Army Medical Command, and he twice served as ministry chief in Army hospitals. His career culminated in his service as chaplain of the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), where he supervised 44 chaplains and chaplain assistants who provided religious-support operations to thousands of soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and contractors in Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple other nations in Southwest Asia. Chaplain Hokana and his wife of forty years, Mary, have three children and five grandchildren. We welcome Chaplain Hokana this morning.

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 gpike478@hotmail.com. Glenda will write the prayers and pass them along to Robin, who will send them out from Zion's email program. Thanks!

NO BRIGHTLY SERVICE ON WED., FEB. 7th

Zion will not be hosting a monthly service at Brightly on Wed., Feb. 7th due to Pastor Clayton being out of town. The Brightly services will resume in March.

FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY

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.

SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS

Lent is quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is February 14th), 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: Hoskins, Claytons: Soups

Mar 6: Men's Club: Tacos

Mar 13:

Mar 20: Elders: Burgers & Brats

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

SOUP DINNER TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN TYLER SIMMONS – NEXT SUNDAY

Next 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 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.

BUNCO GAME!

Join us for \$5 Bunco on Sunday, February 18th 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.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Hinton family, in honor of Kayla's birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 4

Proclaimer: Chaplain Craig Muehler
Liturgist Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Lucy Laird
Altar Guild: Dan & Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Dan Eads

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS III w/communion 10:00 AM
Mon. 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
Sat. Family Movie 2:30 PM
Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS I no communion 10:00 AM
Communion Service 11:15 AM
Ladies Aid Soup Potluck 11:30 AM
Men's Club 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 21: Sunday: 147

Adult Bible Class: 25 High School: 7 Sunday School: 38