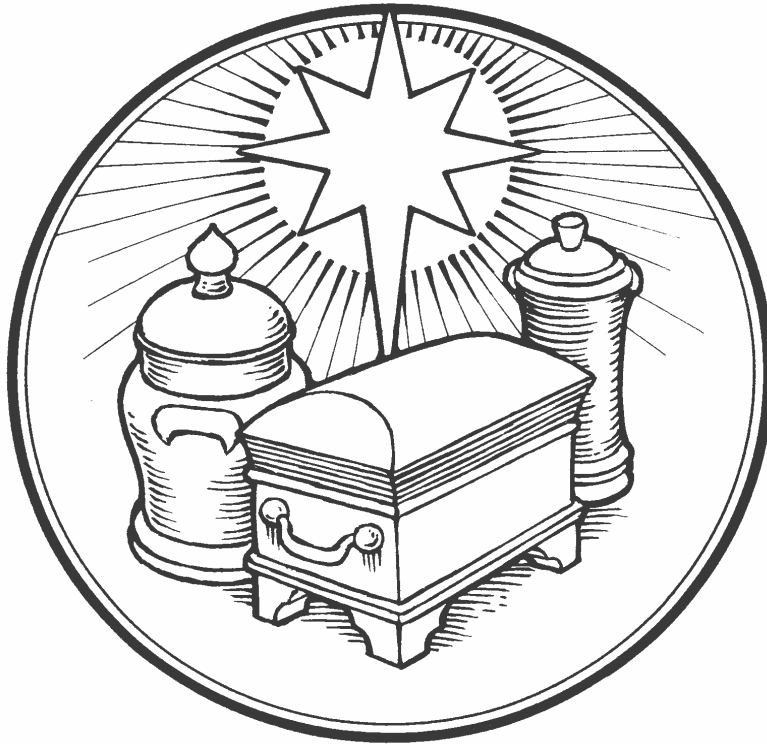


# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

January 7, 2024

*Epiphany Sunday*



*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

Blessed Redeemer, to whom the Wise Men came offering gifts, fill our minds and hearts with Jesus, guide our life and living for Jesus, and take us at last into glory where at Your throne we can lay before You our praise and honor as our grateful tribute, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE I

## LSB p. 151

## Confession and Absolution

### Prelude

### Hymn

### The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399

- 1 **The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.**
- 2 **The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.**
- 3 **Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.**
- 4 **And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.**

### Stand

- 5 **For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

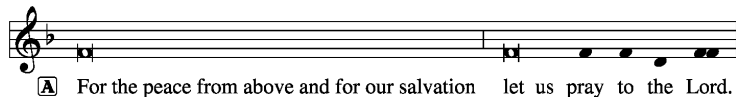
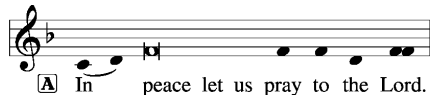
## Introit

*Ps. 72:1–2, 10–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- L** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
**C** **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**
- L** Give the King Your justice, O God,  
**C** **and Your righteousness to the royal Son!**
- L** May He judge Your people with righteousness,  
**C** **and Your poor with justice!**
- L** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render Him tribute;  
**C** **may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
- L** May all kings fall down before Him,  
**C** **all nations serve Him!**
- 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** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
**C** **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*





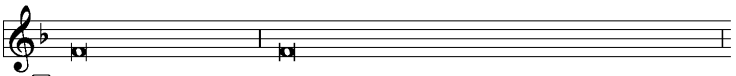
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



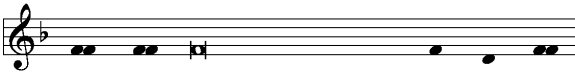
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

LSB 155



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



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



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

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

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

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

### Gradual

*Is. 60:6b, 1*

- Those from Sheba shall come.
- They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**
- Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow

heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of His power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*



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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### Children's Lunchbox Devotion

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## Sermon

## King Horrid

## Installation of Officers

*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.

*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.]*

*Stand*

### Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Dear heavenly Father, in the darkness of this world's spiritual night, You led the Wise Men to Your Son as they followed a star.

**C** For this revelation of Your glory, we give You humble thanks.

**P** For predicting this event through Your prophet Isaiah, hundreds of years before it took place,

**C** we praise and adore You.

**P** Like Herod, we have often been guilty of being insincere in our search for Christ.

**C** Forgive us, O Lord.

**P** We have often failed to show others the way to Him, who is the Light of our life.

**C** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**P** We confess that we have not always permitted Your Son to be the Light of our life.

**C** Forgive us, O Lord.



- P** For guiding Gentiles to the birthplace of Your Son Jesus and for accepting their worship as fellow heirs and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel,  
**C** we give You thanks.  
**P** For making it possible for us to become Your children through Christ,  
**C** we are eternally grateful.  
**P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may increase our understanding of the magnitude of Your love.  
**C** Loosen our tongues and give us courage to tell the Good News to a world still largely in darkness.  
**P** Motivate us to generosity in bringing our gifts for the extension of Your kingdom.  
**C** Extend Your healing hand to the sick and Your presence to the lonely.

**WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR**

- ✠ Anna Pannier, Paul Bretz, and Laurie Fournie, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ All new officers of Zion as they begin their time of service.
- ✠ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- P** Grant all governments sincere, honest, and wise officials.  
**C** We bring these our petitions in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

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

**Blessing**

*LSB 267*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

*LSB 397*

- 1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

*Hymn continues on the next page.*

5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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## Postlude

### Non-Communicants Depart

*Those who do not wish to receive the blessings of the Lord's Supper are asked to exit the sanctuary at this time. Please leave the sanctuary quickly, and please do not hold extended conversations with family and friends in the sanctuary. Please move efficiently to the narthex and seek not to disturb the Communion Service which will begin as soon as those who do not want to receive the Lord's Supper have exited. Thank you!*

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Full)


**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 161



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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

### The Words of Our Lord

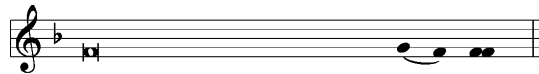
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of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



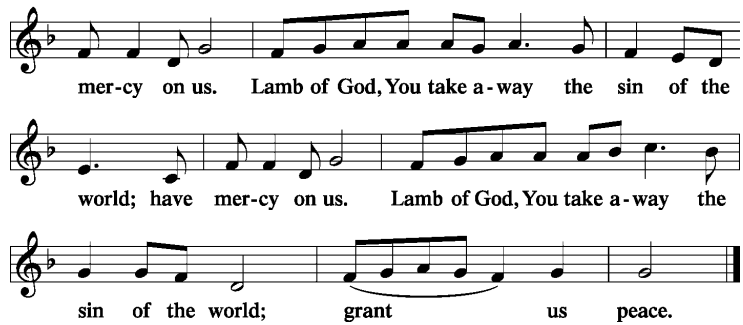
**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163



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



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

*Stand*

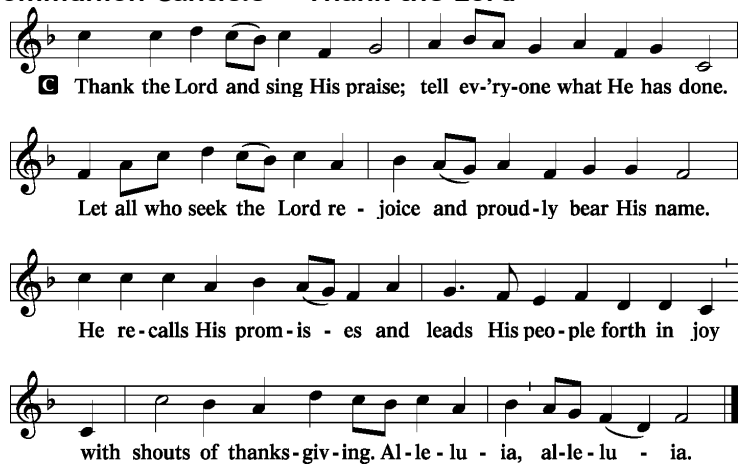
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

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

**Post-Communion Canticle -- Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*



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

## Post-Communion Collect

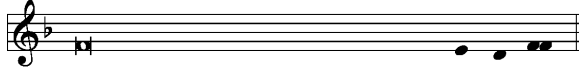
**P** Let us pray.

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



## Benediction

LSB 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### JANUARY ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

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

### END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

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

### COMMUNION FREQUENCY UPDATE

The Elders have decided not to change the overall Communion frequency at Zion, with Communion being offered on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays, along with Festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc. Also, for the benefit of those in the congregation who desire more frequent Communion, we will be offering the Lord's Supper after the service on the First Sunday of each month, starting in January of 2024. On First Sundays, the service will progress through the Benediction and Postlude, and after the greetings in the narthex, those who desire Communion may either remain in the Sanctuary or return to the Sanctuary to receive the Lord's Supper.

### 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!

### **YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The youth group is having their white elephant gift exchange Christmas party after church on Sunday, 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!

### **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/>.

### **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 [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.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 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Blessed Epiphany! Begin studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin a new series on the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with Dr. Cameron Mackenzie on The Coffee Hour (1/10 at 9:00 a.m.), and begin studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

### **UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...**

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.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 Kemezys family, in celebration of Callan Crismon's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Pinky Ahner  
Sound Tech: Phoebe Corey  
Acolytes: Dalton Wambold & Trey Harris  
Altar Guild: Abigail Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 14**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: 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

**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 I no communion 10:00 AM  
Communion Service 11:15 AM  
Men's Club 6:00 PM  
Tues. Evangelism 7:00 PM  
Wed. *No Choir or Hand Chime Rehearsal*  
Thurs. Church Council 7:00 PM  
Fri. Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM  
Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM  
Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Worship DS II w/communion 10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 31:** Sunday: 139  
Adult Bible Class: 21 High School: 4 Sunday School: 19