

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of Our Lord



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

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Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, by whose power Your servants are moved to speak for God, and by whom the Scriptures are infused with power to convince us of the truths of God, help us that, moved by Your direction to make known the Word, we may proclaim it with faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Prelude Alleluia! Let Praises Ring arr. Paul Manz

Hymn Alleluia! Let Praises Ring LSB 822

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration. To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected. He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessèd flood, And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion. His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought, Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.
- 4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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Stand

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 with Absolution

- 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.**
- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

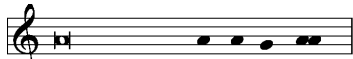
Introit

Ps. 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b

- L** Your lightnings lighted up the world;
- C** **the earth trembled and shook.**
- L** How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- C** **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.**
- L** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house,
- C** **ever singing Your praise!**
- L** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
- L** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
- C** **No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- L** Your lightnings lighted up the world;
- C** **the earth trembled and shook.**
- 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.

Kyrie

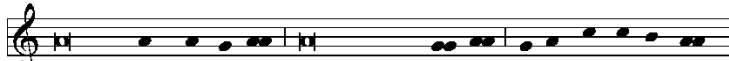
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



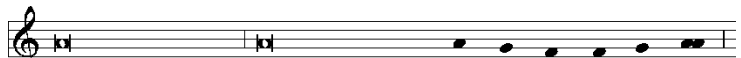
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



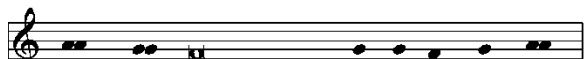
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

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



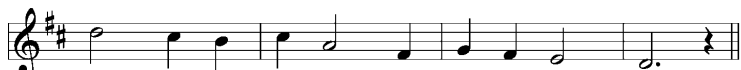
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



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



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



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



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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-14

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the

Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And He said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hand Chime Choir

Be Thou My Vision

Cathy Moklebust

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.
- 3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- 5 O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

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Sermon

Can I Get an Alleluia?

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, Lawgiver and Redeemer of the human race, we come before You in awe and reverence.

C Your laws have saved humanity from anarchy and chaos; Your statutes help preserve our existence on this earth.

P For preserving Your precepts through Moses, Elijah, and Your Son Jesus Christ,

C we give You most hearty thanks.

- P** We confess that, although You have made Your will known through the prophets and apostles and have preserved it to the present day, we have not sufficiently treasured Your Law and Gospel.
- C** **We have transgressed Your Law and neglected many opportunities to spread Your Gospel.**
- P** We have been guilty at times of doubting the divine revelation of Your Word.
- C** **We have often given our own interpretation before searching Your Word for clarification.**
- P** We have had itching ears, listening for new doctrines, the commandments of men.
- C** **For our lack of careful concern in determining Your will, forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, You have revealed Your Word in the flesh.
- C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit that we may hear Him speaking to us in Your Word.**
- P** Give us the courage to hold high the light of Your Word to those who sit in darkness,
- C** **and bless the hearts of those who hear it.**

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Abby McDaniel, William Huth, Nora Bigley, Amber Schanz, Makena Suedmeyer, and Cole Wambold, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Pastors, professors, and seminarians representing twelve countries who came together for Concordia the Reformer Seminary's second annual Pastoral Formation conference for Latin America.
- ✠ Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- P** Accept our thanks for permitting us to bask in the light of Your truth,
- C** **and lead us one day into the presence of Him who is this world's Light.**
- P** Give vision and insight to the leaders of church and state.
- C** **Accept our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

Sit

Offering

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

Special Offering Music

Beautiful Savior

arr. John Carter

Stand

Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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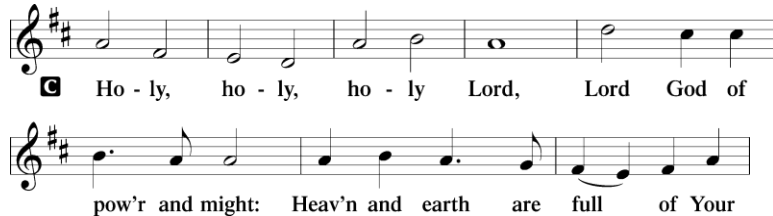
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

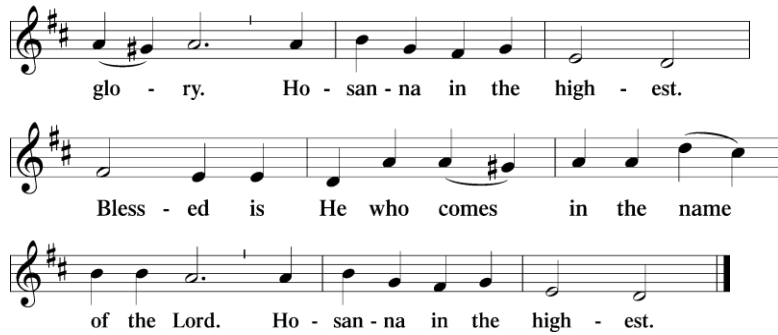
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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

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

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Proclamation of Christ

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

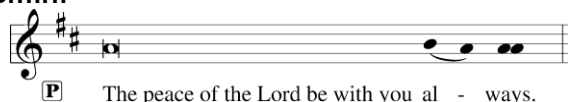
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

Lord's Prayer

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

Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

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

Sit

Distribution

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

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

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."**
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

Stand

- 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

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Sit

Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Stand

- 3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia! Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

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

Post-Communion Collect

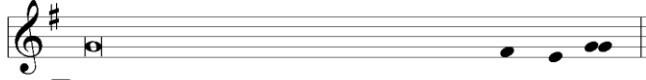
P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183



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



C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.**
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.**
- 3 Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.**
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

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Postlude

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

arr. Paul Manz

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Valentine's Day.
"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS

Lent is quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, 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.

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE DINNER LAST SUNDAY

The Ladies Aid thanks everyone who contributed food and/or attended our soup potluck last Sunday. The profit from this event goes to our support of the seminary student we adopt each year, and we appreciate your help.
Zion Ladies Aid

ASH WEDNESDAY REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Ladies Aid is serving the meal this Wednesday. We would appreciate individuals donating desserts. We also ask for help with clean up after the meal, because many of our members have choir practice at 6 o'clock, before the meal is finished being served. There is a sign-up sheet to help with both of these requests in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Today is the deadline for getting the baby bottles back to Zion so MOSAIC in Fairview Heights can pick them up. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile project!

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION PRAYER

Pastors, professors, and seminarians representing twelve countries came together for Concordia the Reformer Seminary's second annual Pastoral Formation conference for Latin America. Days began and ended with worship and were packed with presentations, workshops, table discussions, good food and fellowship.

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.

SANCTUS WINDS CONCERT

The Sanctus Winds will present a concert of music for Lenten meditation, entitled "O Christ the Lamb of God" on Sunday, February 18th at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of Peace Lutheran Church (737 Barracksview, St. Louis). The Sanctus Winds is a community band performing sacred and traditional repertoire to the honor and

praise of the Triune God. The repertoire will feature works by J.S. Bach, David Holsinger, and Gustav Holst, among others. Several Zion musicians are members of this group.

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.

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 MARTIN + KATIE CONFERENCE

University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL will host a free conference on Saturday, April 6, 2024. At this free conference, learn about being men and women in Christ, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–35. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Info and registration are available at <https://uniluchampaign.org/mpluskconference/>. *Plus:* Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, April 5, and Saturday night, April 6! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, April 7.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

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SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT...

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Phoebe Corey
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel & Leif Peterson
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman, Dawn Corey, & Phoebe Corey
Elder of the Month: Dan Eads

THOSE WHO SERVE ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:
Altar Guild: Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Dan Eads

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 18

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Dalton Wambold & Rylan Ganey
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 II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>Echo Deadline</i>	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	Imposition of Ashes	5:00 PM – 6:50 PM
	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	<i>No Preschool – Teacher In-Service</i>	
	Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	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 Matins	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 4: Sunday: 135

Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 5 Sunday School: 39