

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 18, 2024

*First Sunday in Lent*

*Invocavit*

*When He Calls To Me, I Will Answer Him*



*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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## Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, as You led Jesus, the Christ, into the wilderness to be tempted by the Evil One, lead us out of all temptations that come to us by Satan, the world, and our flesh, that by Your power and leading we may emerge from our wilderness as victorious as our Savior left His; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Paul Manz

Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

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*Stand*

## Holy Baptism

*(Due to the fact that this is a worship service, held in God's House, conducted before His Altar, we respectfully request that no flash photographs be taken during the Baptism. Thank you for respecting the reverence of worship.)*

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** Clayton James Beville

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

**P** Clayton James Beville, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

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

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

**C Amen.**

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

*The pastor addresses the sponsors:*

**P** Is it your intention to serve Clayton James Beville as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** Yes, with the help of God.

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:*

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

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

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

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

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

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Clayton James Beville, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

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

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

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

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

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

Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Clayton James Beville the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

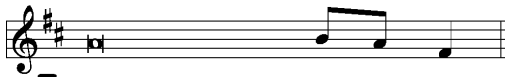
**C** Amen.

## Versicles

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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



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

*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon (Common)

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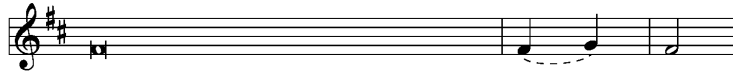
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



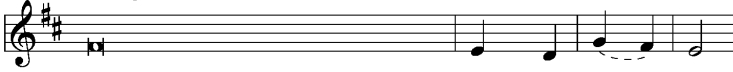
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

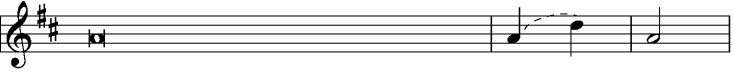
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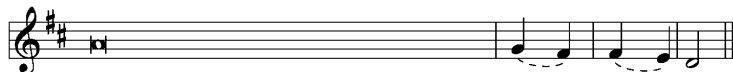
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



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



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



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

Antiphon (Common)

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



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

Psalm

Psalm 32 (antiphon: v.7)

- L** Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- C** whose sin is covered.
- L** Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- C** and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- L** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
- C** through my groaning all day long.
- L** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
- C** my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- L** I acknowledged my sin to You,
- C** and I did not cover my iniquity;
- L** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- L** Therefore let everyone who is godly
- C** offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
- L** surely in the rush of great waters,
- C** they shall not reach him.
- L** You are a hiding place for me;
- C** You preserve me from trouble;
- L** You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
**L** I will counsel you with My eye upon you.  
**C** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**L** which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
**C** or it will not stay near you.  
**L** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
**L** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
**C** and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

O Christ, You Walked the Road

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- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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*Sit*

First Reading

*Genesis 3:1-21*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me

fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” To the woman He said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

A Lenten Prayer

Hal Hopson

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 6:1–10*

Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Third Reading

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command His angels concerning You,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

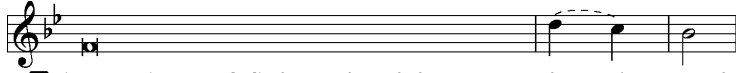




# Canticle

## Te Deum

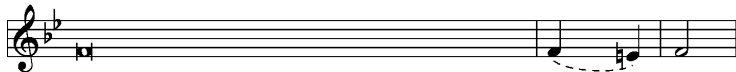
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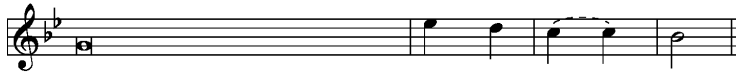
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



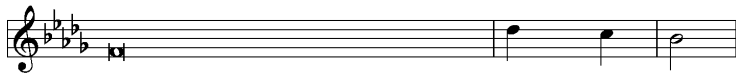
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



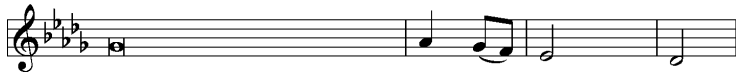
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



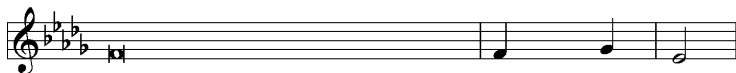
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.
- 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



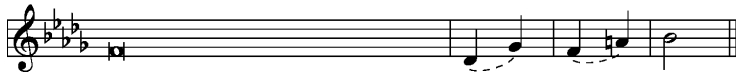
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
- 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,
- 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
- 6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



**C** Send us Your Holy Spirit to empower our hearts with the desire and joy to resist the old man within us.

**P** As we observe the power of Satan rampant in our world, causing many to worship him as You would be worshiped,

**C** we implore You to curb his power and bring to naught his distressing activity among us.

**P** We give You humble thanks that as our substitute Your Son Jesus Christ successfully overcame the devil.

**C** Grant us such success so that our days upon the earth may be peaceful and joyful.

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

† Lindsay Murphy, Mark Manera, and Makenna Gryga, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

† Clayton James Beville, as he is baptized today.

† Dominican Republic Seminary Concordia El Reformador as they hold a Foro (Forum) that sets the goals for the next six months.

† Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.

† Faithfulness in support of world missions.

**P** In the name of Him who conquered the forces of evil for us.

**C** even our Lord Jesus Christ, we earnestly pray. Amen.

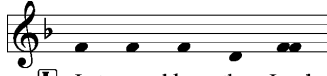
**Collect for Grace**

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

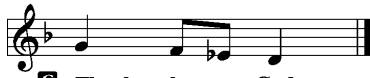
**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.

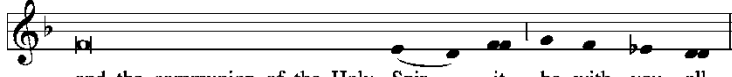


**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**



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



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



**C** A - men.

*Remain Standing*

- 1 **A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 **No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 **Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.**
- 4 **God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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**Postlude**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**arr. Jacob Weber**

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### **WE WELCOME CLAYTON JAMES BEVILLE**

Congratulations to Jacob and Erin Beville on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Clayton James Beville. Clayton's sponsors are Kevin Abington & Kayla Wombacher, friends of Jacob and Erin. Welcome, Clayton!

### **LENT DEVOTIONALS – NOW AVAILABLE**

Lent devotionals are now available on the table in the narthex.

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

Lent is here, 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 21: Kitchen Ladies: Chicken Rice Casserole

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.

### **BLESSED BE TO GOD FOR OUR MUSIC!**

Martin Luther said, "next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise." We are so blessed at Zion with many musical talents to enhance our worship. Praise be to God for Zion's senior choir, men's choir, hand chime choir, soloists, children's group, and many instrumentalists! AMEN!

### **LADIES: PRAYER DAY SERVICE AND REQUEST FOR DONATIONS TOWARD SID ADVOCATES FOR LIFE!**

On March 2, Messiah Lebanon will hold a Prayer Day Service. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 with the service starting at 9 AM. There will be a speaker from SID Advocates for Life and an ingathering for Beacon of Life Pregnancy Center in Maryville. There is a list of items they are requesting, and our Ladies Aid decided to collect money toward whatever items can be purchased with our donations (from baby books to stroller, etc.) They are asking for responses for attendance by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, so they know how many to prepare a lunch for at closing. ***PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX AND DONATE (IF YOU WISH) IN THE ENVELOPE OR GIVE TO CANDY OR GLENDA.***

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Zion's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will be announced soon.

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION PRAYER**

Twice a year the Dominican Republic Seminary Concordia El Reformador holds a Foro (Forum) that sets the goals for the next six months. Supporting congregations are invited to send a representative to learn what God has accomplished and what the mission's goals and prayers are for the coming six months. The next Foro is to be held March 8. Please consider sending someone from your congregation to the Dominican Republic, who will be a bridge between the Seminary and the Southern Illinois congregations to share the amazing things that God is accomplishing thorough this Seminary in preparing pastors and Deaconesses for congregations throughout Latin America. Please contact the Southern Illinois District office for more information.

### **CONCORDIA CHICAGO KAPELLE AT ZION BELLEVILLE**

The Kapelle, the touring choir from Concordia University Chicago, will be giving a concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville, IL on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The concert is free and open to the public. (A free-will offering will be received to support the Kapelle.) Zion, Belleville is located at 1810 McClintock Ave,

Belleville, IL. Cecily Peterson sang in the Kapelle for her 4 years at CUC, Matthew Clayton sang with the choir until this semester when he is participating in an exchange program in Cambridge, and Nathaniel Clayton currently sings with the choir. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this concert on Friday, March 8!

### **ST. PAUL'S SAUSAGE SUPPER**

Saint Paul's Lutheran in Troy will be hosting their annual sausage supper on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-6pm. We will have dine-in and carry out options available.

### **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/mplusconference/>. *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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### **TRUTH, BEAUTY, & GOODNESS...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Cultural Benefits of Natural Marriage; Friendship & Loneliness; Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ; The Faith of a Canaanite Woman and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen 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 Ahner family in memory of the birthdays of Norman Rowold and Deloris Bramstedt.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Dan Eads

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 25**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey  
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton & Ryan Hinton  
Altar Guild: Gail Frey  
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 Matins	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Mon.	<i>President's Day – Office Closed, No Preschool</i>	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	Evangelism Committee	7:00 PM
Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	First Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 11:** Sunday: 153  
Adult Bible Class: 13 High School: 8 Sunday School: 43

**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 14:** Ash Wednesday: 59