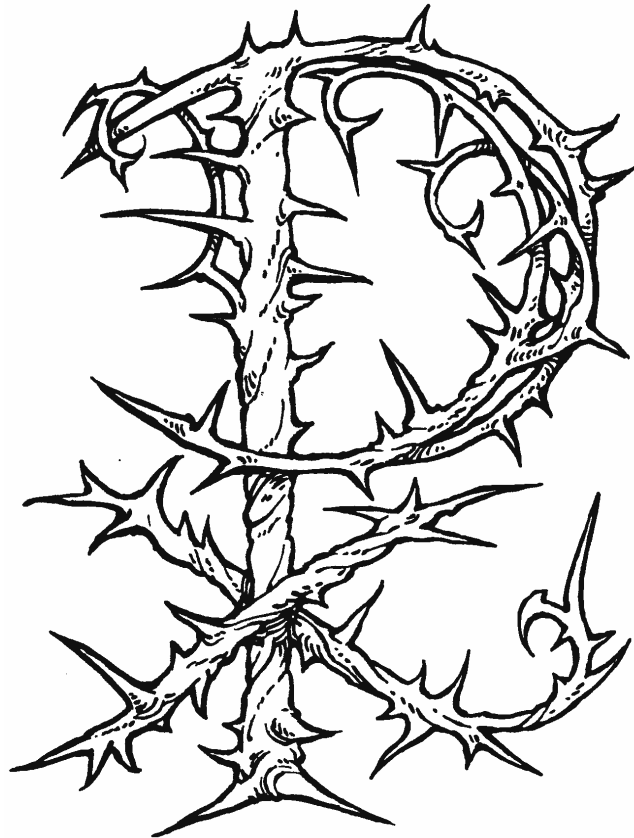


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
February 21, 2024
1st Lent Midweek Service



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 evening be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones and electronic devices when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

Vespers

Hymn

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

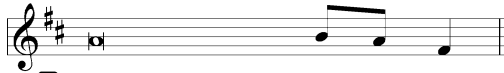
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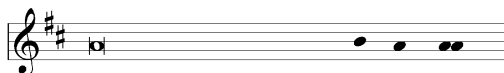
Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



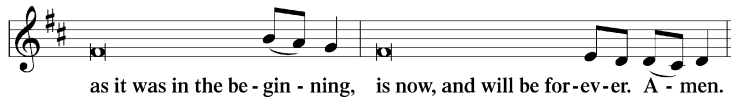
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



Responsive Reading

Psalms 2:1-12

- L** Why do the nations rage
 - C** and the peoples plot in vain?
 - L** The kings of the earth set themselves,
 - C** and the rulers take counsel together,
 - L** against the LORD and against His anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart
 - C** and cast away their cords from us.”
 - L** He who sits in the heavens laughs;
 - C** the Lord holds them in derision.
 - L** Then He will speak to them in His wrath,
 - C** and terrify them in His fury, saying,
 - L** “As for Me, I have set My King
 - C** on Zion, My holy hill.”
 - L** I will tell of the decree:
 - C** The LORD said to me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten you.
 - L** Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
 - C** and the ends of the earth your possession.
 - L** You shall break them with a rod of iron
 - C** and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
 - L** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 - C** be warned, O rulers of the earth.
 - L** Serve the LORD with fear,
 - C** and rejoice with trembling.
 - L** Kiss the Son,
 - C** lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
 - L** for His wrath is quickly kindled.
 - C** Blessèd are all who take refuge in 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.**

Sit

First Reading

Mark 15:21-39

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to Him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.**

- 4 **Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.**
- 5 **They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.**
- 6 **In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**
- 7 **Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

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Sermon

Parable of the Tenants (or The Parable of the Violent Vintner)

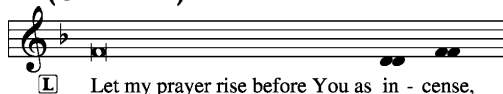
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Stand

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



G and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-
 joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

1 For He has re-garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way,
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spirit;

1 For be-hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be-ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen-er-ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt-ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A-men. *Refrain*

Prayer

Litany

LSB 249



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God!

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect For the First Sunday of Lent

L O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Benedicamus

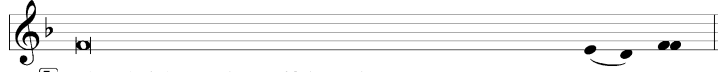


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



L The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Sit

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, PASTOR KESEMAN

Pastor Bruce Keseman has served Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg for the past 31 years. His wife Christine, a teacher, organist, pianist, and flutist, is Director of Music at Christ Our Savior. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Their son Andrew and his wife Linsey are Lutheran teachers in Nebraska. Their daughter Hannah (graphic designer) and son-in-law Erik (music teacher) live in Mascoutah. Their daughter Rachel teaches kindergarten at a Lutheran school in Missouri. Pastor Keseman likes to read, camp, hike, and run. He serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary-St. Louis. We welcome Pastor Keseman this evening.

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.

FAMILY MOVIE

The Men's Club will present *Open Season* for kids of all ages on Saturday, March 2nd at 2:30 p.m. Boog, a domesticated grizzly bear with no survival skills, has his perfect world turned upside down when he meets Elliot, a fast-talking mule deer. They join forces to unite the woodland creatures and return the forest to nature's control. A fun story with lovable characters! Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

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!

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, 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

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