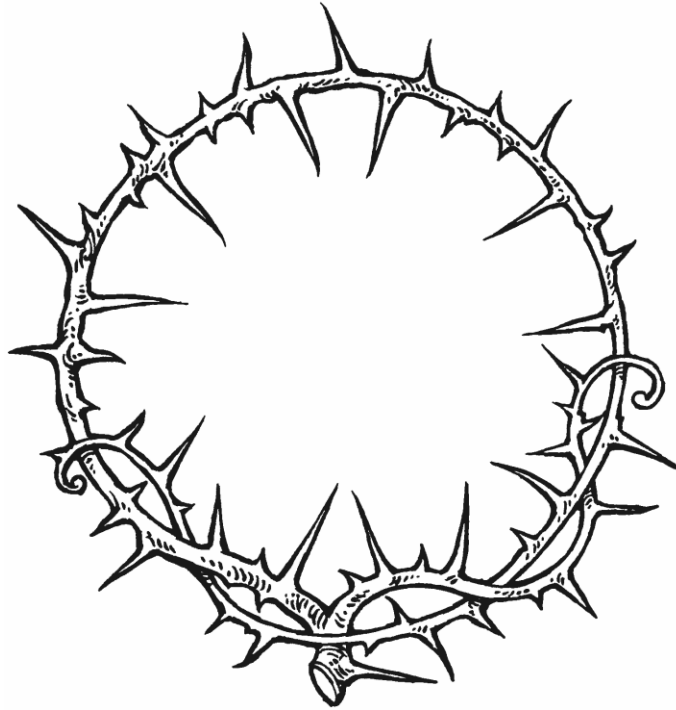


# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 28, 2024

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**Church Secretary: Robin Phillips**

**Director of Music/Head Organist/Choir Director Team: Josh and Nancy Peterson**

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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

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me weigh the awful load  
You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure  
And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

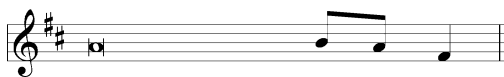
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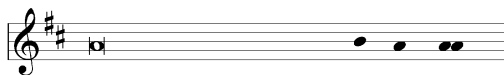
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



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



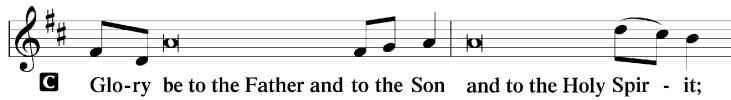
**G** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



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



**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.

## Responsive Reading

*Psalms 37:1-20*

- L** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
- C** **be not envious of wrongdoers!**
- L** For they will soon fade like the grass
- C** **and wither like the green herb.**
- L** Trust in the LORD, and do good;
- C** **dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**
- L** Delight yourself in the LORD,
- C** **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**
- L** Commit your way to the LORD;
- C** **trust in Him, and He will act.**
- L** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
- C** **and your justice as the noonday.**
- L** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
- C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,**
- L** over the man who carries out evil devices!
- C** **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!**
- L** Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- C** **For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**
- L** In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
- C** **though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.**
- L** But the meek shall inherit the land
- C** **and delight themselves in abundant peace.**
- L** The wicked plots against the righteous
- C** **and gnashes his teeth at Him,**
- L** but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
- C** **for He sees that his day is coming.**
- L** The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
- C** **to bring down the poor and needy,**
- L** to slay those whose way is upright;
- C** **their sword shall enter their own heart,**
- L** and their bows shall be broken.
- C** **Better is the little that the righteous has**
- L** than the abundance of many wicked.
- C** **For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,**
- L** but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- C** **The LORD knows the days of the blameless,**
- L** and their heritage will remain forever;

**C** they are not put to shame in evil times;

**L** in the days of famine they have abundance.

**C** But the wicked will perish;

**L** the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;

**C** they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

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

*Isaiah 25:6-12*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill. And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim, but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands. And the high fortifications of His walls He will bring down, lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Matthew 22:1-14*

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



# 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 empty away,  
 5 and to the Holy 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 beginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.  
 2 from generation to generation. *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 Second Sunday of Lent

**L** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

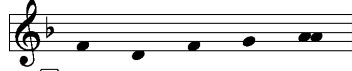
### Lord's Prayer

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

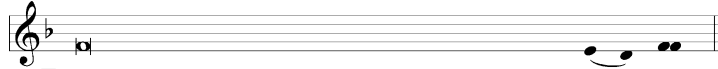


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction



**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Hymn

### O God, Forsake Me Not

LSB 731

- 1** O God, forsake me not! Your gracious presence lend me;  
Lord, lead Your helpless child; Your Holy Spirit send me  
That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
My staff, my rock, my shield—O God, forsake me not!
- 2** O God, forsake me not! Take not Your Spirit from me;  
Do not permit the might Of sin to overcome me.  
Increase my feeble faith, Which You alone have wrought.  
O be my strength and pow'r—O God, forsake me not!



- 3 **O God, forsake me not! Lord, hear my supplication!  
In ev'ry evil hour Help me resist temptation;  
And when the prince of hell My conscience seeks to blot,  
Be then not far from me—O God, forsake me not!**
- 4 **O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am Yours forever.  
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You never.  
Grant me a blessed end When my good fight is fought;  
Help me in life and death—O God, forsake me not!**

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **WELCOME, PASTOR LUKOMSKI**

Pastor John Lukowski served as pastor for 40 years at Trinity Lutheran in Darmstadt, IL and St. Paul Lutheran in New Athens, IL. He retired from that call May 2019. He has served in various positions in the Southern Illinois District including Board of Congregational Services, Circuit Visitor, 1st Vice-president and Mission Board Chairman. He is on KFUE radio Saturday morning on “Wrestling with the Basics” with co-host Rev. Matt Clark, “Moments on the Lighter Side” Monday afternoons, as well as a regular guest on “Thy Strong Word.” He is also known to show up as a variety of characters (Martin Luther, St. Peter, even a donkey named Max). He is married to Lynn Lukowski, retired principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville. Between them they have 8 children and 11 grandchildren.

### **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 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.

### **LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL - MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>**

Nancy Peterson will present a 30-minute organ recital before the Wednesday evening Lenten service on March 6th. Please come at 6:30 PM to hear arrangements of Lenten hymns, as well as music of Bach.

### **PRESENTATION ABOUT RECENT TRIP TO HOLY LAND**

Many members of Zion have asked about a presentation about the recent trip to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan that Pastor Clayton and several other members of Zion took. Pastor Clayton will share photos, thoughts, and reflections for anyone interested on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM in the church basement. All are welcome!

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHOIR TO SING AT ZION MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**

The choir from Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville, IL will be singing during the worship service at Zion, Mascoutah next Sunday, March 10, 2024. We look forward to hosting the students of the choir and their families.

### **ZION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held *Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am to 11 am*. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. *The deadline to reserve a spot is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>*. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine! We will have a light breakfast courtesy of the Ladies Aid, along with story time, music, and crafts. We are in need of volunteers to fill our plastic eggs. There is a basket in the narthex with bags of plastic eggs. Please take one or two bags and fill the eggs with candy, trinkets, or even coins. Please return the filled eggs by Sunday, March 17. If you are able to help out that day with set-up or take-down, or assisting in our activities, we would love to have your help! Contact Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987 if you can help in any way. Thanks!

### **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!

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

### **THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist:	Sem. Rob Laird
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Isaac Robinson
Acolytes:	Trey Harris & William Huth
Altar Guild:	Abigail Clayton
Elder of the Month:	Geoff Phillips

### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Second Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 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 I no communion	10:00 AM
	Communion Service	11:15 AM
	Men's Club	6:30 PM