

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 4, 2024

Quinquagesima

Fifty Days before Easter



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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

L Be a rock of refuge for me,

C **a strong fortress to save me!**

L For You are my rock and my fortress;

C **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

L In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C **in Your righteousness deliver me!**

L Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

L Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

C **my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.**

L Make Your face shine on Your servant;

C **save me in Your steadfast love!**

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.

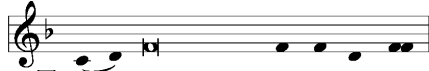
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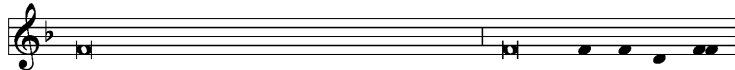
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




G Lord, have mer - cy.



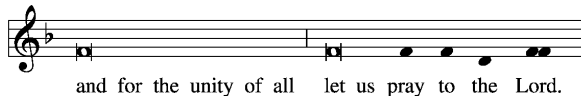
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



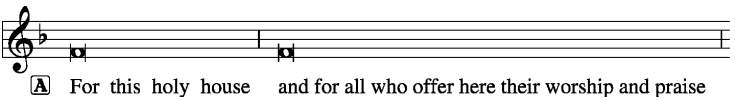
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



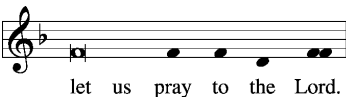
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



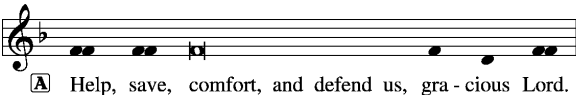
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain



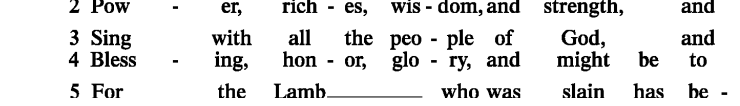
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



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



3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



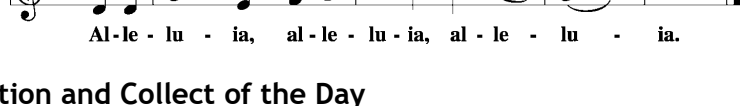
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to



5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



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



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*



God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*



gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and rests, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics continue below the staff.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Chaplain Craig Muehler to Preach

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Sit

Offering

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

Special Offering Music

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

arr. John Hirten

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



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

Prayer of the Church

- P** Glory, honor, and praise be to You, Lord God of heaven and earth.
- C** When we consider Your heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets, we are amazed that You would pay any attention to us.
- P** Yet, according to Your Word, You determined our destiny before You laid the foundation of the earth.
- C** Most amazing of all is that You provided for our salvation from the very beginning that we might one day enter into Your rest.
- P** Accept our sincere thanks and praise.
- C** We confess that there have been times when we have forgotten Your merciful kindness toward us.
- P** We have often been blind toward Your marvelous works.
- C** We have read and listened to Your Word, yet failed to respond with truly believing hearts.
- P** We have lagged in zeal in bringing the Good News of Your salvation to all the spiritually blind.
- C** We have often stopped working before finishing the task You have called us to do.
- P** For these and many other offenses against Your holy will,
- C** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may keep our eyes open to Your merciful kindness.
- P** Give us vision to see our duty in the broader concepts of Your kingdom.
- C** Help us recognize the opportunities to serve others.
- P** Let us see our neighbors' needs and give us wisdom and strength to meet those needs.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Mark Krausz, Adam Ahner, Brad Lockwood, Deb Heck, Gabriella Jeffries, Gatlin Jeffries, Viviana Jeffries, Alicia Suedmeyer, Sarah Linn, Ami Linnertz, Jeremy Linnertz, Nicholas Linnertz, Jenna Dunn, Torri Suedmeyer, and Ellie Tubbs, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ The family of Bob Laird, father of Sem. Rob Laird, as he died this past week.
- ✠ The family of Ruth Klingelhofer, as she died last week.
- ✠ The Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad who have arrived in the Dominican Republic where Rev. Conrad

- will serve as a professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary.
- ✠ Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- 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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

Blessing

LSB 267

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

Sit

Hymn

O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810

- 1 **O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**
- 2 **For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.**
- 3 **That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn—
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.**
- 4 **Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.**

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Postlude

Postlude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Non-Communicants Depart

Those who do not wish to receive the Lord's Supper are asked to exit the sanctuary at this time. Please leave the sanctuary quickly, and please do not hold extended conversations with family and friends in the sanctuary. For those not receiving communion, please feel free to continue your conversations quietly in the Narthex, while those who wish to commune prepare to receive the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary. Thank you!

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant

joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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

The Words of Our Lord

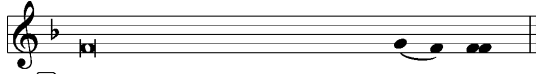
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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Stand

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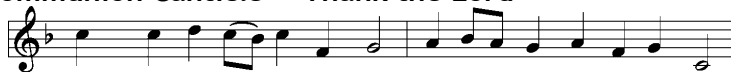
The Dismissal

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.

Post-Communion Canticle -- Thank the Lord

LSB 164



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

A A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166

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

A A - men.

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, CHAPLAIN MUEHLER

Chaplain Craig Muehler, retired U.S. Navy Captain, serves as the director of The Lutheran Church---Missouri Synod Ministry to the Armed Forces. He has held that position since August 2014, after retiring as deputy chaplain of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was commissioned in 1986 as a Chaplain Candidate and moved on to serve as a Navy Chaplain from 1988 to 2014. Muehler received his MDiv from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1988, and his Master of Theology from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill., in 2001.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE

While Pastor Clayton is gone in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, Pastor Bruce Keseman from Christ our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg and Pastor Karl Gregory from Messiah Lutheran Church in Lebanon will be filling in for emergency pastoral care if it is needed. If a Zion member is hospitalized or if you have an emergency spiritual care need, please contact Pastor Keseman at 618-641-3475 or Pastor Gregory at 605-254-2348.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE

Glenda Pike and Robin Phillips will be working together to send prayer requests out on the prayer chain while Pastor Clayton is gone. To request prayers, please contact Glenda Pike at gpik478@hotmail.com. Glenda will write the prayers and pass them along to Robin, who will send them out from Zion's email program. Thanks!

FEBRUARY ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

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

NO BRIGHTLY SERVICE THIS WED., FEB. 7th

Zion will not be hosting a monthly service at Brightly this Wed., Feb. 7th due to Pastor Clayton being out of town. The Brightly services will resume in March.

SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS

Lent is quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is 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.

SOUP DINNER TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN TYLER SIMMONS - TODAY

Today the Ladies Aid will hold a soup dinner after church to welcome Seminarian Tyler Simmons, who is supported by our organization at the seminary. We welcome him, his wife Rachel, and their children. Please sign up to provide a dish--soup, salad, or dessert. We hope to see many of you stay to meet and get to know him.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Zion's Ladies Aid is again participating in MOSAIC Pregnancy and Health Centers' Baby Bottle Campaign. MOSAIC offers a wide variety of free and confidential pregnancy services, sexual health services, and medically accurate abortion information. They reach out to women, men and their unborn babies with free life-affirming medical services and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each financial gift placed in a bottle is a way to honor these precious little ones saved due to MOSAIC. In the previous year they raised OVER \$92,000 in

support from nearly 100 local churches! ***Please take a bottle from the table in the narthex and fill it with coins, cash, or a check and return to Zion by Sunday, February 11.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION PRAYER

The Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad have arrived in the Dominican Republic. Pastor Conrad serves as a professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary, preparing men to be evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. Born in Michigan, the couple has served in Venezuela (twenty years), Mexico, the United States and now in the Caribbean. They received a warm welcome in Santiago, Dominican Republic. We pray the Lord will bless their service in this new location.

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.

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/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.

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JAMES BIBLE STUDY...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study later this week on the Book of James. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God to welcome Sem. Tyler Simmons and his family who are supported by Zion's LWML.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Chaplain Muehler
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Sem. Tyler Simmons
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Lucy Laird
Altar Guild: Dan & Lesley Eads
Elder of the Month: Dan Eads

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 11

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Sem. Tyler Simmons
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

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I no communion	10:00 AM
	Communion Service	11:15 AM
	Ladies Aid Soup Potluck	11:30 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	<i>No Brightly Service</i>	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 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 II w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 28: Sunday: 136

Adult Bible Class: 30 High School: 6 Sunday School: 31