

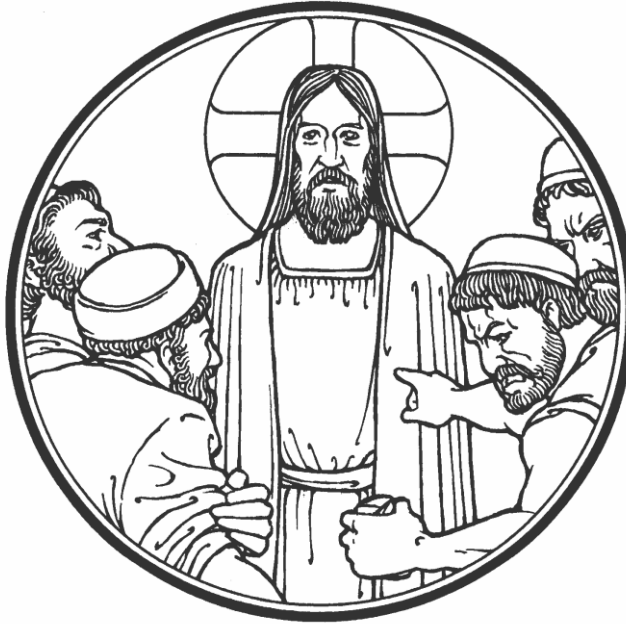
# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 17, 2024

*Judica*

*“Vindicate Me, O God”*



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



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## Electronic Devices

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

## Prayer to Begin Worship

God, whom I love, enable us by faith to pierce all adversity to see beyond and through it Your constant love for us in Christ Jesus, that in all that hurts or deceives us we are sustained and strengthened through Jesus Christ, our Friend and Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# MATINS LSB p. 219

Prelude The God of Abraham Praise arr. Michael Burkhardt

Hymn The God of Abraham Praise LSB 798  
*(Stanzas 1-4)*

- 1 **The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.**
- 2 **The God of Abr’ham praise, At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow’r,  
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow’r.**
- 3 **The God of Abr’ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus’ blood.**
- 4 **He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav’n ascend.  
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow’r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.**

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*Stand*

## Versicles

LSB 219



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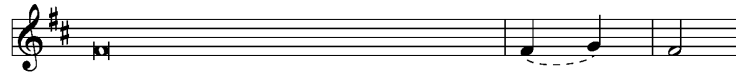
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



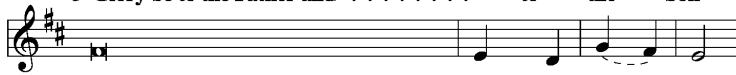
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Venite

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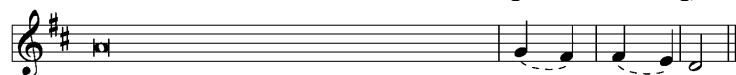
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



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)

LSB 221



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



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

## Psalm

*Ps. 43:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1–2a*

- L** Vindicate me, O God,  
**C** and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**L** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
**C** For You are the God in whom I take refuge.  
**L** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;  
**C** let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!  
**L** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
**C** and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.  
**L** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**C** Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.  
**L** Vindicate me, O God,  
**C** and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**L** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
**C** For You are the God in whom I take refuge.  
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

### The God of Abraham Praise *(Stanzas 5-9)*

LSB 798

- 5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.  
The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.
- 7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.
- 8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

*Stand*

**9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!**

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*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Genesis 22:1–14*

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir**

**Lamb of God**

**Lloyd Larson**

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Third Reading**

*John 8:42–59*

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because

you cannot bear to hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Responsory for Lent

LSB 222



- L**
- 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
  - 2 Blessed is he whose  
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
  - 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
for the sins of the peo-ple.

### Children's Lunchbox Devotion

#### Hymn

#### In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

LSB 572

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered—Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment: Only God can cover sin,  
As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam—Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured.

- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners, Host, who spreads this meal divine,  
Here You pledge our sins are covered, Pledge received in bread and wine:  
“Take and eat; this is My body, Given on the cross for you.  
Take and drink; this cup of blessing Is My blood poured out for you.”
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven Known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union, Lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever Flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden, Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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**Sermon** **Calling God a Demon**

**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**

**Andante**  
*(Abby McDaniel, Horn)*

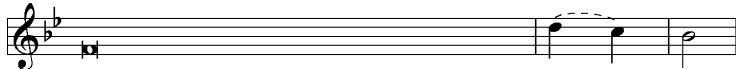
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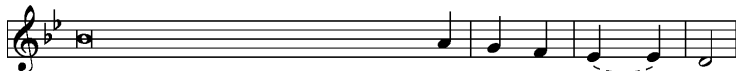
# Canticle

**Te Deum**

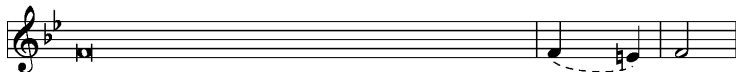
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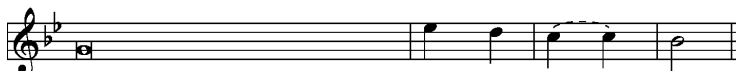
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise— You.



- 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.

*The Te Deum continues on the next page.*

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.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

# Prayer

## Kyrie

LSB 227

☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Gracious Lord, Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we Your chosen ones in Christ Jesus, bring to You our sacrifice of prayer and praise.

**C** For not rebuking us in Your anger or chastening us in Your wrath, we give You thanks.

**P** For hearing our supplications and accepting our prayers,

**C** we adore Your most holy name.

**P** As Abraham passed the test when You challenged him to offer up his only son,

**C** so grant us the strength of faith to be willing to sacrifice our beloved possessions for the interests of Your kingdom.

**P** Yours are the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

**C** May we always be ready for the unknown hour when You come to receive us into Your kingdom of glory.

**P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may keep us steadfast in the Christian faith.

**C** In every trial and temptation may nothing separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus.

**P** Help us to be more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

## WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

† Barbara Bretz, Leif Peterson, Doug Sax, Bristol Sax, Tom Sax, Jeff Fick, Marianne McDaniel, Lola Simon, Julie Benner, and Reed Hollenkamp, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

† Ray McDaniel, as he was hospitalized last week with chest pains.

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

† Faithfulness in support of world missions.

**P** While we wait for the fulfillment of Your promises regarding Your kingdom, grant Your continual blessing to our nation and the nations of the earth.

**C** Give us peace in our time that Your Gospel may have free course to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name we 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

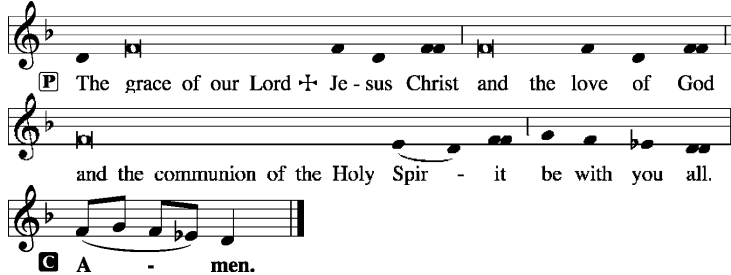
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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



## Benediction



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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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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### LENTEN MEALS

Lenten 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.

Mar 20: Elders: Burgers & Brats

Mar 27: Holy Week, no Wednesday service, no meal.

### YOUTH GROUP MEETING – TODAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>

Please mark March 17<sup>th</sup> off for a meeting right after church! We have some really fun St. Patrick's Day activities planned, and there will be a devotion about luck and Christianity. Please invite your friends! We would love to see some new faces! Anyone from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school is welcome! We're having a potluck meal, so please sign up in the narthex with what you are bringing.

### ZION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP!

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 today, 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. If you haven't already done so, please return filled eggs. 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!

### LADIES OF ZION – PLEASE JOIN US!

Please join us this Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7PM, to hear more about what we do to be of service and share God's message at Zion and around the world. We will hear about the prayer service that a number of the ladies attended in Lebanon and share information and ideas for upcoming events. Joyce Hendrix will be giving a short devotion on the theme "Remember".

### CHILDREN'S LENTEN DONATION BOXES

Sunday School children received and colored Lenten donation boxes. Please have your child(ren) bring the boxes to class Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> to turn them in. The additional donations will be included in our first quarter mission at the end of March.

### INEXPENSIVE CHRISTIAN-THEMED EASTER CARDS

See the table in the narthex for a wide variety of Easter cards for only 50¢ each!

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS BAGS

The youth group will be putting together homeless bags at their April meeting. We need to collect items to put these together. We really appreciate anything that you are able to donate! We ask that you bring the items by April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a bin in the narthex to place these in. These bags will be available after the meeting for the congregation to take and put in their cars to distribute. Here is a list of items that are needed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bottled water, hairbrushes, socks, non-perishable snacks, small soaps, etc.

### CONCORDIA SEMINARY TO HOST 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR ST. JOHN PASSION BY J.S. BACH

On Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m., the American Kantorei, under the direction of Dr. Maurice Boyer, will perform the *St. John Passion* by J.S. Bach at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This service of sacred music will be held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus and is free and open to the public. Additionally, at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 21, Boyer will offer his reflections on J.S. Bach and the *St. John Passion* at the annual "Bach's Birthday Bash" held in the Kristine Kay Hasse Memorial Library at Concordia Seminary. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited. The *St. John Passion* is part of the annual Concordia Seminary Concert Series. Learn more and find the complete schedule at [csl.edu/concert-series](http://csl.edu/concert-series).

### **REV. JONAH DOMENICHELLI TO PRESENT DURING BIBLE CLASS MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Jonah Domenichelli, who will be establishing a new Lutheran mission congregation near Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany will be with us at Zion on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Since Zion, Mascoutah has a number of Air Force personnel and is located very close to Scott Air Force Base, Rev. Domenichelli would like to share the possibilities for this mission in an Air Force community. All are welcome and encouraged to come to Adult Bible Class at 8:45 on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to hear about this new mission opportunity.

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT ZION AND OFFERING**

Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will be hosting an Information Meeting about our Mission Partnership with the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Erin Mackenzie, the LCMS Volunteer Coordinator for the Dominican Republic, will be joining us in person, and Rev. Sergio Fritzler, the President of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic, will join in the meeting by Zoom. After the meeting, refreshments will be served. At the meeting, the SID would like to gather an offering to support the Seminary in the D.R. To prepare for this offering, we will have a Door Offering on April 7 and 14, and these funds will then be passed along through our SID Mission Partnership to the Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Please attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM (choir is cancelled that evening) and please support this mission partnership with your donations in the Door Offerings beforehand.

### **JOIN US FOR THE 2024 MARTIN + KATIE CONFERENCE**

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

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Study Isaiah 47-49 for Lent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Deuteronomy 27-30 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/20 at 11:00 a.m., and continue studying Good Works on Concord Matters (3/23 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

### **GALATIANS 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 this week on the Book of Galatians. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or 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 Timmermans.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Phoebe Corey  
Acolytes: Ella Sax & Bristol Sax  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

Proclaimer: Rev. Winterfeldt  
Liturgist: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 24**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey  
Acolytes: Viviana Jeffries, Lucy Laird, & Waylon Neumann (crucifer)  
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**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
	Youth Group Meeting	11:15 AM
Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Fifth Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Zion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 – 11:30 AM
Sun.	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	
	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 MARCH 10:** Sunday: 188  
Adult Bible Class: 21 High School: 3 Sunday School: 38

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 13:** Wednesday: 45