

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**March 24, 2024**  
*Palm Sunday*



*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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**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

### Confession with Absolution

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them

**C** and give thanks to the LORD.

**L** This is the gate of the LORD;

**C** the righteous shall enter through it.

**L** I thank You that You have answered me

**C** and have become my salvation.

**L** The stone that the builders rejected

**C** has become the cornerstone.

**L** This is the LORD's doing;

**C** it is marvelous in our eyes.

**L** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** Save us, we pray, O LORD!

**C** O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**L** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C** We bless You from the house of the LORD.

**L** The LORD is God,

**C** and He has made His light to shine upon us.

**L** Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

**C** up to the horns of the altar!

**L** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

**C** You are my God; I will extol You.

**L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

## Gloria Patri

**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Gloria in Excelsis Is Omitted for Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna

Joseph Martin

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### The Tract Replaces the Alleluia Verse during Lent

**P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**P** He will cover you with His pinions,

**C** and under His wings you will find refuge.

**P** When he calls to Me, I will answer him;

**C** I will be with him in trouble.

**P** With long life I will satisfy him

**C** and show him My salvation.

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

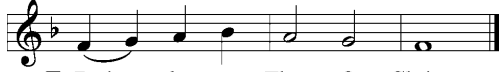
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Sermon

Behold Your King

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
(Abigail Clayton & Rosemary Peterson, violins)

arr. Catherine McMichael

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

- P** With loud hosannas we come before You, O Lord of hosts.
- C** We praise You for sending us Your Son as the King who came in Your name to establish peace between heaven and earth.
- P** We are thankful that He did not consider Himself too far above us to become true man.

**C** We deeply appreciate His fulfillment of the law, which we are unable to keep.

**P** We cannot adequately express our thanks that Christ took our punishment upon Himself by dying on the cross.

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have not always been faithful to our calling as Your chosen people.

**P** The deeds of our lives have often not matched the confession of our lips.

**C** We have often broken communications with You by neglecting prayer, by failing to study Your Word, and by irregular attendance at Your Table.

**P** Because we know, O Lord, that You are merciful,

**C** we dare to come before You, begging forgiveness.

**P** May the assurance of that forgiveness, which we receive through Your Word and sacraments,

**C** enable us to live lives of dedicated discipleship.

**P** Send us Your Holy Spirit to keep us on the path that leads to You.

**C** Help us to withstand the temptations of Satan, the world, and our flesh.

**P** Grant us grace to live to Your honor and glory

**C** so that our lives will reflect our eternal gratitude for the salvation You won for us through Your life of perfect obedience and through Your sacrificial suffering and death.

### WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

✠ Dick Bogue, Kyrielle Corey, Liam Hatcher, and Abigail Clayton, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

✠ Loa Maelys, born on March 15 to Krishna and Rafel Cruz, (great granddaughter of Sue Kandler).

✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

✠ Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

**P** Grant peace in our time and help us maintain it;

**C** we pray in the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, 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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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 197

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. A - men."

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

Five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men."

Sit

**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**

**O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken**

LSB 439

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

*Hymn continues on the next page.*

- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!  
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?  
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—  
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.  
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;  
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee  
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.
- 11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me  
To crucify desires that still entice me,  
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,  
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;  
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;  
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov' reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

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Hymn

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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*Stand*

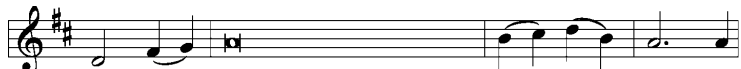
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**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.

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

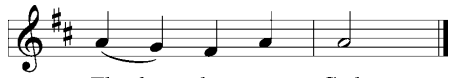
**C** Amen

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



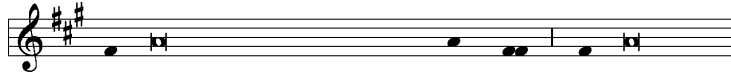
♩ Bless we the Lord.



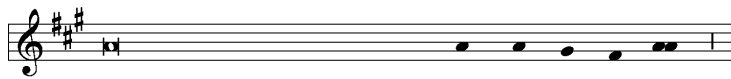
♩ Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

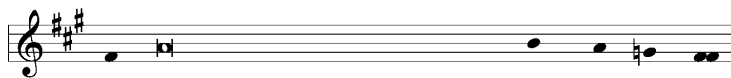
LSB 202



♩ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



♩ A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Remain Standing*

### Hymn

### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

- 1 **Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**
- 2 **From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**
- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

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*Sit*

### Postlude

### Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

arr. Marilyn Biery

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### **THANK YOU TO OUR BRASS PLAYERS TODAY**

Thank you, brass players! Josh and Leif Peterson, trumpets; Abby McDaniel, horn; and Bob Eldridge and Jon Robinson, trombones.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

During Holy Week the Church remembers the greatest outpouring of God's love and grace as we walk with Jesus through the events leading up to His crucifixion, and then celebrate His glorious resurrection. Here is a schedule of services for the coming week. Please make plans to attend each service to receive God's outpouring of grace and blessings in the Word and Sacraments.

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM

Friday, March 29—Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 30—Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday Divine Service, 10:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you at Zion!

### **REV. JONAH DOMENICHELLI TO PRESENT DURING BIBLE CLASS TODAY**

Rev. Jonah Domenichelli, who will be establishing a new Lutheran mission congregation near Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. 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 today, March 24<sup>th</sup> to hear about this new mission opportunity.

### **HYMN FESTIVAL APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> AT ZION LUTHERAN, MASCOUTAH**

This year, 2024, is the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal, Etlich Cristlich lider, (also often called the Achtliederbuch) which was published in Wittenberg early in 1524. In honor of this anniversary, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL will be hosting a Hymn Festival on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will feature several hymns first published in this earliest Lutheran hymnal, as well as more recent Lutheran contributions to hymnody. Each hymn will be preceded by a commentary given by an area LCMS pastor to give the background and meaning of the hymn. The Hymn Festival is free and open to all. Come and join in the great Lutheran tradition of singing hymns together at Zion Mascoutah at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!

### **YOUTH GROUP LEADER NEEDED**

The youth group needs your help! For several months now, the youth group has been without a leader. We need one or two people to step up and be a leader and advisor for our wonderful youth of this church! Please consider taking on this most important role in our church. If you are willing or have any questions, please reach out to Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987. Thank you.

### **CONCORDIA SEMINARY TO HOST 300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR ST. JOHN**

#### **PASSION BY J.S. BACH -- TODAY**

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. 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).

### **FAMILY MOVIE – SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Men's Club will present *The Secret Life of Pets* for kids of all ages on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. What do your pets do when you're not at home? They gossip with their friends, satisfy their sweet tooth, and throw outrageous parties! Join us in the church basement at 2:30 p.m. for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

### **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.

### **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.

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

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### **PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY**

You're invited to attend the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12-Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of "Fighting for the Faith," Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of "Has American Christianity Failed?," and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The early bird registration fee is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](https://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel  
Acolytes: William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Brady Twenhafel (crucifer)  
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips



### **THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family, in honor of Taylor Crismon's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

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
Mon.	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	<b><i>No Preschool</i></b>	
	<b><i>No Wednesday Service; No Meal</i></b>	
Thurs.	<b><i>No Preschool</i></b>	
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Maundy Thursday w/communion	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM
Sat.	Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 PM
Sun.	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS IV w/communion	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 17:** Sunday: 152

Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 6 Sunday School: 39

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 20:** Wednesday: 51