

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**March 29, 2024**  
*Good Friday*



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



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## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord Jesus, appointed High Priest after the order of Melchizedek by the Father, since Your obedience to Him even to death for our sin has worked our redemption, let the same elicit continued praise and thanksgiving and become our reason for obedience to the Father's holy will. Amen.

### LIGHTING ADVISORY

*The lights in the main portion of the sanctuary will be dimmed this evening, due to the dark and somber nature of Good Friday. The lights in the balcony will be on.*

*(Traditionally, the church has viewed Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter as one ongoing service, extending over three days. For this reason, there is no invocation or benediction on Good Friday, and no invocation at the Great Vigil of Easter. What begins on Maundy Thursday, continues on Good Friday, and culminates on Saturday evening with the Easter Vigil, which can be experienced tomorrow night at 7:00 PM here at Zion.)*

*Stand*

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same 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 52:13—53:12*

**P** The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.

Behold, My servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at You—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**Choir**

**The Holy Lamb of God**

**K. Lee Scott**

*Stand*

**Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn**

**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

*LSB 440*

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, I Will Ponder Now'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'I Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;'. The second staff continues with 'With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.'. The third staff has 'Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.'.

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**Passion Reading - Part I**

*John 18:1-11*

**P** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." This was

to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom you gave Me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

**Hymn**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

LSB 450

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
 O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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**Passion Reading - Part II**

*John 18:12-27*

¶ So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

**Hymn**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

LSB 450

2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
 How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;



Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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### Passion Reading - Part III

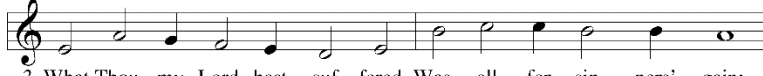
*John 18:28-40*

**P** Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

### Hymn

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*LSB 450*



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners’ gain;



Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! ’Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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### Passion Reading - Part IV

*John 19:1-16a*

**L** Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.” From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out,

“If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

**Hymn**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

LSB 450

4 My Shep-herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.  
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
 Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

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**Passion Reading - Part V**

John 19:16b–24

**L** So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things.

**Choral Response**

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

LSB 449

*What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
 For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
 Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.*

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*Stand*

**Passion Reading - Part VI**

John 19:25–30

**L** But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed

His head and gave up His spirit.

### Hymn

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450

6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!  
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,  
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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### Passion Reading - Part VII

John 19:31–42

**P** Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.” After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

### Slamming the Book Closed

*After the final reading, a loud noise, called the Strepitus, made by slamming the Gospel book closed, is heard. This loud noise calls to mind the brutality and violence suffered by Jesus on Good Friday, including His scourging, the earthquake that marked His death, and the noise of the stone slamming shut in front of the tomb.*

### Hymn

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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*Sit*

## Sermon

## It Is Finished

*Stand*

### Bidding Prayer

**L** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

**P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

**P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially, our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen**

**L** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

**P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

**P** Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**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.**

*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**

### **Reproaches**

*Micah 6:3-4*

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

**C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn

## Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*Jeremiah 2:6-7*

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn

## Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*Isaiah 5:2-4*

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn

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 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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**C** We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

## Hymn

## The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then,  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live;  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Song Title: The Power Of The Cross (Oh To See The Dawn)--Song ID: 38459 Writer(s): Keith Getty, Stuart Townend  
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*Stand*

## Concluding Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*All leave in silence.*

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



### **BULLETIN COVER ARTWORK**

Thanks to Jake Lara for drawing the bulletin cover for the Good Friday service this evening. Jake has chosen to depict the significance of Jesus' death opening for us the way into the presence of God, as shown by the tearing of the temple curtain. We read in Luke 23:44-46, "It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last." (ESV) Thank you, Jake, for this powerful artistic depiction of the gospel!

### **VOCAL ENSEMBLE FOR "O SACRED HEAD"**

The vocal ensemble that sang "O Sacred Head" Stanza 5 between the readings included Cary Robinson (Soprano), Abigail Clayton (Alto), Pastor Clayton (Tenor) Johnathan Clayton (Bass) and Nathaniel Clayton (Bass). We give thanks for the gift of music and those who share it as a proclamation of the Word and grace of God.

### **EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

Once again, this year, Zion will be hosting an Easter Vigil Service, sometimes called the "Great Vigil of Easter" on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. It is at the same time both the last service of Lent and the first service of Easter (it switches in the middle of the service)! This is one of the most meaningful, most powerful, and most dramatic services of the whole year. The service starts in the dark with lights out (the Lenten part), the Paschal Candle is lit from a (small, carefully controlled) fire in a fire-pit outside symbolizing Jesus' new life, and then after a series of readings, all the lights are turned on, the announcement is made, "Christ is risen!" and the Easter party starts. It really is a great service, and one that is very meaningful, also for children who really notice the dramatic changes and enjoy the different feel to the service. The service will start at 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and probably last until about 8:30 PM. Of course, Holy Week is extremely busy, but you are encouraged to add this service to your schedule.

### **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.

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!

### **EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED BY MEN'S CLUB**

Zion's Men's Club will serve an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 31 from 8:00-8:45 AM. The meal will be held in the gym. The menu will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, and more. Come enjoy this meal, and this time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Zion. (Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Bible Class will continue to meet at their regularly scheduled times on Easter Sunday, so come to breakfast early to make it to class on time.)

### **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>!

### **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.

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

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

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

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Rev. Karl Gregory  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Acolytes: Lucy Laird, Stella Laird, & Samuel Clayton (crucifer)  
Altar Guild: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE 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

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

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