

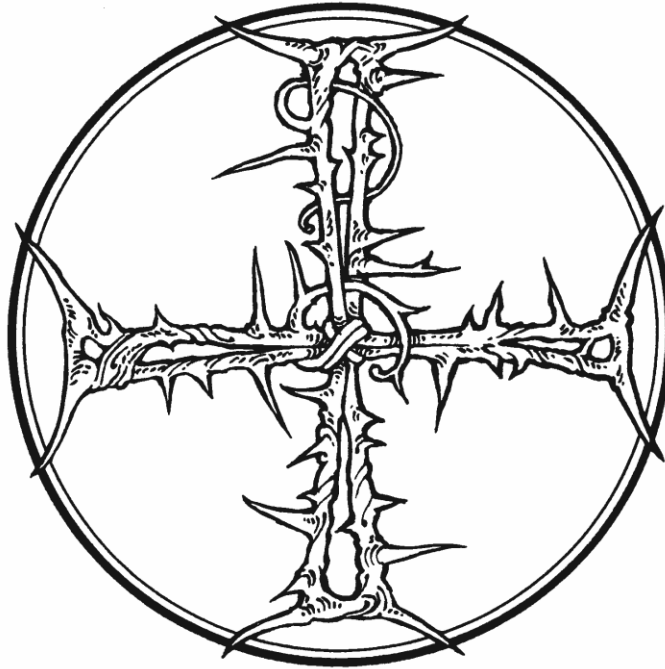
# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 3, 2024

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*"My Eyes Are Ever Toward The Lord"*



*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**

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## **A Prayer to Begin Worship**

Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us sinners, alert us to answer Your call to follow You, and keep us from using our sinfulness as an excuse when You lead us to service to our neighbor or to martyrdom; who with the Father and the Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# **DIVINE SERVICE I**

## **LSB p. 151**

## Confession and Absolution

Prelude God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It arr. Hildebrand

## **Announcements**

Hymn God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594

- 1 **God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!**  
**He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.**  
**Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any**  
**That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**
  
- 2 **Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!**  
**I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.**  
**Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me**  
**In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
  
- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!**  
**Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.**  
**Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,**  
**And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**
  
- 4 **Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!**  
**When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!**  
**Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:**  
**Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**
  
- 5 **There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!**  
**Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.**  
**Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:**  
**I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

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## Holy Baptism

*(Due to the fact that this is a worship service, held in God's House, conducted before His Altar, we respectfully*

*request that no flash photographs be taken during the Baptism. Thank you for respecting the reverence of worship.)*

*Stand*

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** Ava Kaye Tubbs

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:*

**P** Ava Kaye Tubbs, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Ava Kaye Tubbs according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

*The pastor addresses the sponsors.*

**P** Is it your intention to serve Ava Kaye Tubbs as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** Yes, with the help of God.

**P** God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:*

**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.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

**P** Ava Kaye Tubbs, do you renounce the devil?

**R** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Ava Kaye Tubbs, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** Yes, I do.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

**P** Ava Kaye Tubbs, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C Amen.**

*The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called out us of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Ava Kaye Tubbs the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore

You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.
- P** Peace † be with you.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word


### Introit

*Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16*

- L** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
  - C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
  - L** Turn to me and be gracious to me,
  - C** for I am lonely and afflicted.
  - L** To You, O LORD,
  - C** I lift up my soul.
  - L** O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;
  - C** let not my enemies exult over me.
  - L** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
  - C** bring me out of my distresses.
  - L** Consider my affliction and my trouble,
  - C** and forgive all my sins.
  - L** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
  - C** Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.
- 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.
- L** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
  - C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
  - L** Turn to me and be gracious to me,
  - C** for I am lonely and afflicted.

### Kyrie

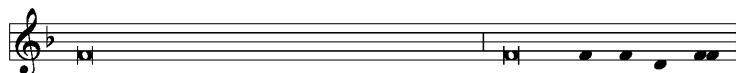
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



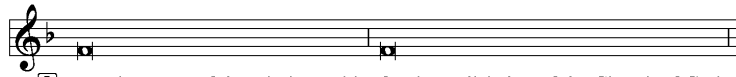
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



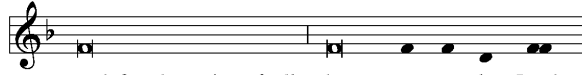
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



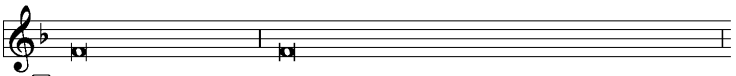
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



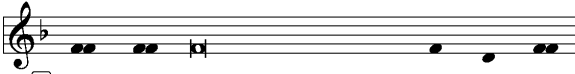
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise 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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 26:1-15*

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word.

It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir**

**Hear, O Lord**

**Mendelssohn/Hopson**

**Epistle**

*Ephesians 5:1–9*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse for Lent**

*LSB 157*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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



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

*Sit*

## Children’s Lunchbox Devotion

Hymn

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God’s thunder!**
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress, Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow’r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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Sermon

The Dangers of Cleaning



## 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.]

Stand

## Offertory

LSB 159



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

## Prayer of the Church

- P** In awe and wonder we appear before You, Lord God heavenly Father.  
**C** **Your judgments are unsearchable and Your ways inscrutable.**  
**P** We cannot understand why You chose the Israelites to be Your people.  
**C** **Nor can we comprehend why You should be concerned about us, miserable offenders.**  
**P** But we praise You for Your mercy and grace to the fallen children of men.  
**C** **Accept our thanks for Your love, which reaches down from heaven and gives us salvation in Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
**P** We confess, O Lord, that we have not always clearly identified Jesus Christ as Your Son.  
**C** **The way we have used and not used the Office of the Keys leaves much to be desired.**  
**P** We have not always shown the rocklike faith that should characterize those to whom You have given this power.  
**C** **Send us Your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to give us good judgment in the affairs of Your kingdom.**

## WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Evangeline Duffie, Joe Haas, Luke Morra, and Kathleen Eldridge, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.  
† Ava Kaye Tubbs, as she is baptized today.  
† Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.  
† Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

- P** Enable us to forgive as we have been forgiven and bless us with Your continual presence.  
**C** **This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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

## Blessing

LSB 267

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Hymn

### Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697

- 1** Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth, Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2** To us on earth He came to bring From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit's unity, The very bond of peace.
- 3** Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive As God in Christ forgave.
- 4** For us Christ lived, for us He died, And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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## Postlude

### Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

arr. Bleresch

## Non-Communicants Depart

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

*Stand*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.

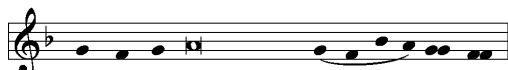
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

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

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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

**C** Amen.

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

## The Words of Our Lord

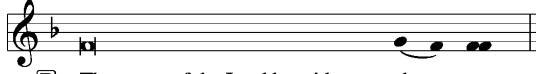
LSB 162

**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."

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 163



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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.**

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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*Stand*

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

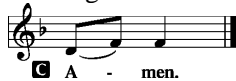
### The Dismissal

- 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.

The Post-Communion Canticle is omitted for Lent.

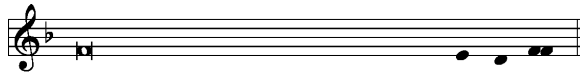
### Post-Communion Collect

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



### Benediction

LSB 166



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



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



### **WE WELCOME AVA KAYE TUBBS**

Congratulations to Alex and Cassie Tubbs on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Ava Kaye Tubbs. Ava's sponsors are Anthony Lara, Ava's uncle and Janel Leftwich, Ava's cousin. Welcome, Ava!

### **SIGN UP FOR LENT SUPPERS**

Lent is here, so it is time to sign up for Lenten Meals. Meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up.

Mar 6: Men's Club: Tacos

Mar 13:

Mar 20: Elders: Burgers & Brats

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

### **LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL – THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS BAGS**

Here is a list of items requested for bags for those who are homeless: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bottled water, hairbrushes, socks, nonperishable snacks, mini soaps, other similar things. Donations are needed by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **HELP REQUESTED WITH CONFIRMATION BANNER**

For several years, Marianne McDaniel and Sue Kandler have designed and constructed a new banner for each Confirmation Class. This is the last year that Marianne McDaniel will be working with the Confirmation Banner. If someone would like to join in to come alongside Marianne and Sue this year to learn the process and make the banner for next year (2025), please contact Marianne or Pastor Clayton. Thanks!

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

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held *Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am to 11 am*. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. *The deadline to reserve a spot is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>*. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine! We will have a light breakfast courtesy of the Ladies Aid, along with story time, music, and crafts. We are in need of volunteers to fill our plastic eggs. There is a basket in the narthex with bags of plastic eggs. Please take one or two bags and fill the eggs with candy, trinkets, or even coins. Please return the filled eggs by

Sunday, March 17. If you are able to help out that day with set-up or take-down, or assisting in our activities, we would love to have your help! Contact Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987 if you can help in any way. Thanks!

### **ST. PAUL'S SAUSAGE SUPPER -- TODAY**

Saint Paul's Lutheran in Troy will be hosting their annual sausage supper today, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-6pm. They will have dine-in and carry out options available.

### **CONCORDIA CHICAGO KAPELLE AT ZION BELLEVILLE**

The Kapelle, the touring choir from Concordia University Chicago, will be giving a concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville, IL on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The concert is free and open to the public. (A free-will offering will be received to support the Kapelle.) Zion, Belleville is located at 1810 McClintock Ave, Belleville, IL. Cecily Peterson sang in the Kapelle for her 4 years at CUC, Matthew Clayton sang with the choir until this semester when he is participating in an exchange program in Cambridge, and Nathaniel Clayton currently sings with the choir. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this concert on Friday, March 8!

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington, Millstadt, IL will be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Adults are \$13, children 4-10 are \$5, and children 3 and under are free. The meal includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, dessert, and beverage. Carry-outs will be available. For more information, call 618-476-3101.

### **VOCATIO HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites ninth-through 12th-grade students to attend Vocatio: High School — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! Registration costs \$100 and closes May 24. Register today! For more information, email [admit@csl.edu](mailto:admit@csl.edu) or call 800-822-9545.

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

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### **HABAKKUK 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 Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by in celebration of the baptism of Ava Tubbs.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

### **THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

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

### **THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 10**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Max Lara  
Altar Guild: Dawn Corey & Lita Timmerman  
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 DS I no communion	10:00 AM
	Communion Service	11:15 AM
	Men's Club	6:30 PM
Wed.	<i>No Preschool – Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	
	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
	Lenten Meal	5:30 - 6:30 PM
	Organ Recital	6:30 PM
	Third Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	<i>No Preschool – Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	
	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
	Israel Presentation	4:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 25:** Sunday: 139

Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 7 Sunday School: 35

**ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 28:** Wednesday: 56