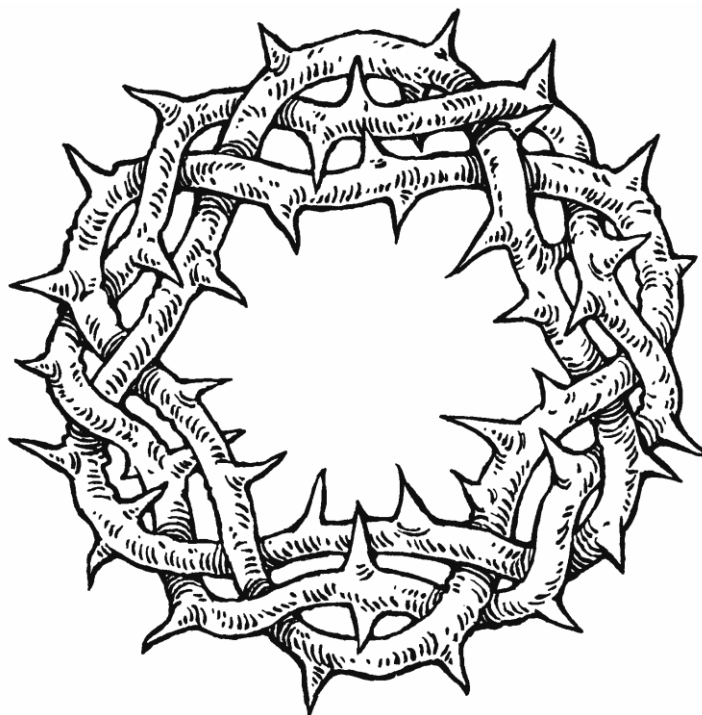


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 6, 2024

3rd Lent Midweek Service



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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Electronic Devices

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

Vespers

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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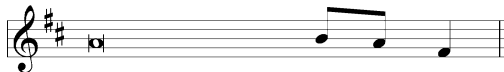
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Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*

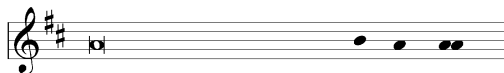
LSB 229



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 50

- L** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
C **from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- L** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
C **God shines forth.**
- L** Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire,
C **around Him a mighty tempest.**
- L** He calls to the heavens above
C **and to the earth, that He may judge His people:**
- L** “Gather to Me My faithful ones,
C **who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**
- L** The heavens declare His righteousness,
C **for God Himself is judge!**
- L** “Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
C **O Israel, I will testify against you.**
- L** I am God, your God.
C **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;**
- L** your burnt offerings are continually before Me.
C **I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.**
- L** For every beast of the forest is Mine,
C **the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- L** I know all the birds of the hills,
C **and all that moves in the field is Mine.**
- L** “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
C **for the world and its fullness are Mine.**
- L** Do I eat the flesh of bulls
C **or drink the blood of goats?**
- L** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
C **and perform your vows to the Most High,**
- L** and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
C **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**
- L** But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite My statutes
C **or take My covenant on your lips?**
- L** For you hate discipline,
C **and you cast My words behind you.**
- L** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
C **and you keep company with adulterers.**
- L** “You give your mouth free rein for evil,
C **and your tongue frames deceit.**
- L** You sit and speak against your brother;
C **you slander your own mother’s son.**
- L** These things you have done, and I have been silent;
C **you thought that I was one like yourself.**
- L** But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

- C** “Mark this, then, you who forget God,
 - L** lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
 - C** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me;
 - L** to one who orders his way rightly
 - C** I will show the salvation of God!”
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 18:9-14

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Lent Responsory

LSB 231



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
- 2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- 3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

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Sermon

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Offering

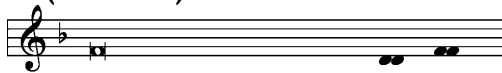
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Stand

Canticle

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



G and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way,
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

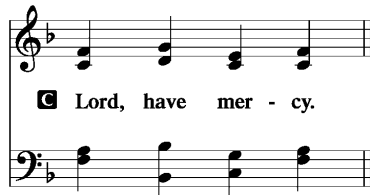
Prayer

Litany

LSB 249



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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 mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God!

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect For the Third Sunday of Lent

L 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Benedicamus

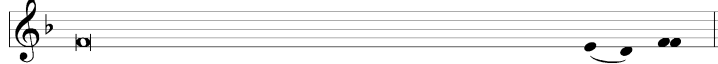


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✙ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

Lord, to You I Make Confession

LSB 608

- 1 Lord, to You I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.
Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.
- 2 Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face;
Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in Your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath not overtake me.

- 3 For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**
- 4 Lord, on You I cast my burden—Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let Your Spirit leave me never; Make me only Yours forever.**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, PASTOR GREGORY

Pastor Karl Gregory has been serving the saints of Messiah Lutheran in Lebanon since June 2017. He and his wife Nancy hail from South Central Minnesota, and they have been married for 46 years. After serving 20 years in the USAF, he began his journey to Ordination serving his Vicarage at St. Paul in Hamel, IL. After Ordination, he served 3 congregations in South Dakota, and he rides a Harley.

LENTEN MEALS

Lenten Meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Mar 6: Men's Club: Tacos

Mar 13: Eldridge/Feldman/Overmyer families: Spaghetti

Mar 20: Elders: Burgers & Brats

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

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!

ZION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – MARCH 23rd

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held *Saturday, March 23rd, 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 17th*. 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. 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!

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 14th. 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 TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, 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

Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30-6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Third Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 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