

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

April 14, 2024

Miseracordias Domini

(The Steadfast Love of the Lord)

“Good Shepherd Sunday”



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



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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Gracious Lord, Shepherd of our lives and Guardian of our souls, who has set us all to shepherding each other, give us time, determination, and opportunity to share with others the kind of love and care that You constantly give to us; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Prelude My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. John Leavitt

Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709

- 1 **The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**
- 2 **Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 **In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 **Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 **And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!**

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Stand

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession with Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

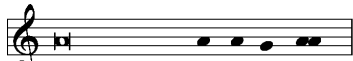
Introit

Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a

- L** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
- C** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.
- L** Shout for joy in the LORD, O You righteous!
- C** Praise befits the upright.
- L** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
- C** on those who hope in His steadfast love,
- L** that He may deliver their soul from death
- C** and keep them alive in famine.
- L** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- C** He is our help and our shield.
- L** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
- C** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.
- 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.

Kyrie

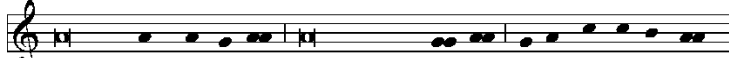
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



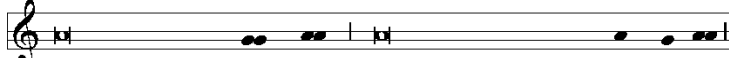
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion 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 uni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

LSB 171

A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Choir

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

Paul Bouman

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–25

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

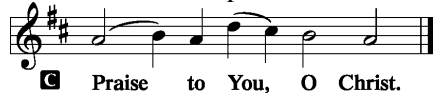
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

The Lamb

LSB 547

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain**
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain**
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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Sermon

A Shepherd Unlike Any Other

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, heavenly Father, Shepherd of our souls, we come before You as those who have been called into Your one flock.

C We give You humble and hearty thanks that in Your mercy You have fed us in the green pastures of Your Word.

P By giving us the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ Your Son, You have led us to the still waters that bring peace to our souls.

C For Your loving and gracious care, which You lavish on us without any merit or worthiness in us, we give You thanks.

P We confess that we have often strayed like lost sheep seeking greener pastures.

C Yet we know that You alone have the words of eternal life which satisfy our souls.

P We have often left the paths of Your righteousness to walk in the ways of this world, seeking our own righteousness.

C For forgetting that Your Son laid down His life for us so that we might walk in Your ways, forgive us, O Lord.

P Give us the gift of Your Holy Spirit in abundant measure that we may have strength to walk in the paths of Your righteousness.

C Renew in us the determination to proclaim to the world that You desire everyone to come into Your fold.

P May the power of Your son Jesus, which enabled Your apostles to heal the sick and restore the crippled, still be manifested in our midst today.

C Grant Your blessing to the leaders of our nation in church and state.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Bailee Hollenkamp, Pinky Ahner, Samuel Clayton, Gail Frey, and Isaac Robinson, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Larry Richards, as he has back surgery on Monday.
- ✠ Wisdom for those who attended the March FORO in the Dominican Republic, that they may find ways to encourage future support of the Lord's work there.
- ✠ Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.
- ✠ Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

P Be with our leaders at all levels of government, heal the sick, and assure the lonely of Your presence.

C This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord. 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Robert Hobby

Stand

Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. 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 178

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✝ 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



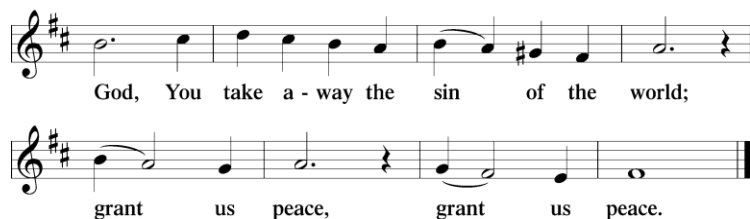
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



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



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!**
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**

Stand

- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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Sit

Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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Stand

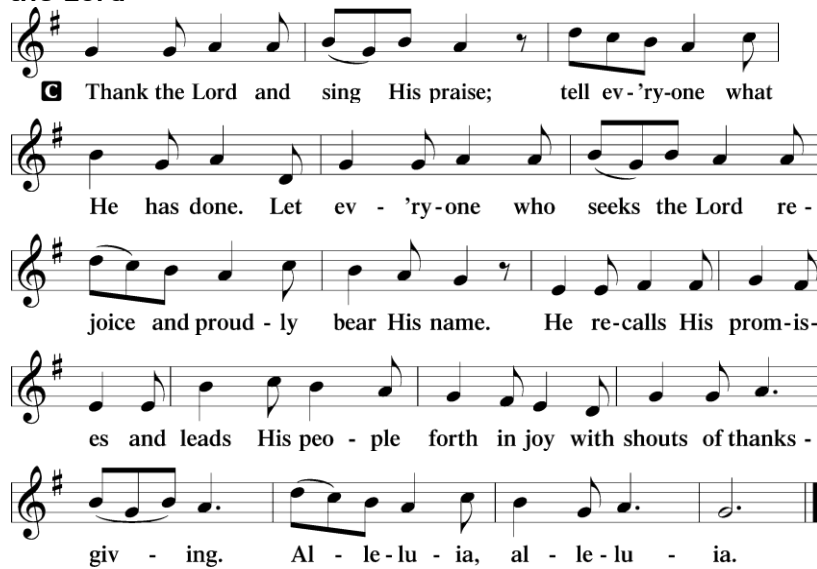
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

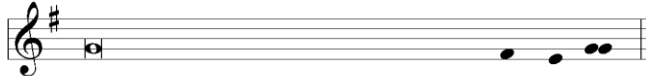
P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183



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.



C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740

- 1** I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- 2** Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

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Postlude

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

arr. Charles Ore

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



HYMN FESTIVAL AT ZION LUTHERAN, MASCOUTAH – TODAY

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 today, 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 today, April 14th!

ZION DIRECTORIES – NOW AVAILABLE

The new Zion directories are now available. If your picture is in the directory, you will receive one free. They are available in the narthex and are labeled with your name. Pick yours up today!

ZION DIRECTORY ADDRESS LIST

If you would like a copy of the complete address listing from the new directory, they are available on the table in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Children will sing at the beginning of the service next week, 4/21. Children will meet in the Narthex and enter the sanctuary with Sunday School staff. Children will be directed to their seats with family when singing is complete.
2. Summer Sunday School is 12 weeks, 6/2 through 8/18. We need volunteers to sign up to teach Sunday School classes throughout the summer, this allows our faithful teacher who serve us throughout the school year a well-deserved break. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please reach out to Anna Pannier or Dawn Corey if you have any questions.
3. We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the school year beginning 8/25/24 running through the end of May next year. This teacher is for the kindergarten through 2nd grade class. This class averages about 8-10 students each week and the curriculum is provided. In the past, we have had some members join forces to share the responsibility for the year, teaching classes on a rotating schedule. If interested, please contact Anna Pannier or Dawn Corey.

*Signing up to teach a couple Summer Sunday School classes would be a great way to try your hand at teaching!

ZION YOUTH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PASSAGES

Zion will be celebrating Youth Confirmation on April 28, 2024, the fourth Sunday of April. We are blessed to have four students being confirmed in their faith: Lily Aileen McDaniel, Rosemary Faith Peterson, Brady Alan Twenhafel, and Dalton Matthew Wambold. Each of the students has picked out a confirmation passage, which will be listed below. Congregation members might wish to use the student's confirmation passage on greetings or cards for Confirmation Day. Here is a list of the students along with their chosen passages.

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR LILY AILEEN MCDANIEL

Psalm 147:4, "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name."

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR ROSEMARY FAITH PETERSON

Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR BRADY ALAN TWENHAFEL

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR DALTON MATTHEW WAMBOLD

Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

NEW EMBROIDERED ZION POLO SHIRTS

Zion's Evangelism Committee has been working to offer a new style of Zion polo shirts embroidered with the congregation's name and the LCMS cross logo. Shirts will be available in three different colors: dark grey, light grey, and red. Sizes available will be Small through 4XL. The shirts will cost \$30 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and leave a check for \$30 for each shirt in the attached envelope at the time that you sign up. Shirts will need to be pre-paid at the time of the order. We will accept sign-ups until May 12, 2024, which is Mother's Day. Choose your size, choose your color, and leave a check. Thanks!

"SHARE IN THE MIRACLE" DINNER

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School will host its annual "Share in the Miracle" dinner at the Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon, Illinois, at 6:00 PM on May 9th. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Zion has reserved two tables for several years; if you are interested in attending, please contact Lionel (618-806-8993) by tomorrow, April 15th.

THANK YOU FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT SIUE

Thank you so much for the household donations we have been receiving. We have assisted 232 students this fall and spring. Through these contacts we had an opportunity to invite 15 to visit our congregations. Four are regularly attending. We are in need of bicycles for the coming warm season. We also have a family that needs a meat grinder (someone might have it stored somewhere). Thank you as you continue to bless the international students with your gifts. Bessie Fick, Coordinator, 515-230-9937

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULT GATHERING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

Lutheran Young Adults (LYA) is a group for folks in the Metro East Area who are in the college-age to young professional range. We come together from over half a dozen congregations in the area and officially meet monthly for fun and fellowship. The events may change but our identity in Christ never does! This month, we're meeting at Saint Paul's Hamel, IL for Ultimate Frisbee, board games, and Compline.

What? Group dinner at Weezy's (108 S. Old Route 66, Hamel, IL), Ultimate Frisbee, Board Games, and Compline! Oh My!

When? Friday, April 19th, 6-9pm (dinner at 5pm)

Where? Saint Paul's Hamel, IL (6969 W. Frontage Road, Hamel, IL)

Young adults from college age-early career, bring your favorite games and a snack to share, and come enjoy this evening of fun and fellowship!

CONFIRMATION CARDS AVAILABLE!

There are confirmation cards available for only 50¢ or \$1.00 on the table in the narthex.

NEW ADDRESS FOR PAT MEIER

Zion received an Easter letter from Pat Meier, the letter and photo are on the church office door. Pat's phone is no longer active, so to contact Pat, please call her daughter, Deborah Ebel, at (210) 260-5622. Pat has moved to a new care facility. Her new address is:

The Laurels
Pat Meier, A105
575 Knights Cross
San Antonio, TX 78258

UPDATE ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FORO

The Dominican Republic FORO met in March. The attendees received information regarding the work in the past six months and the goals for the next six months. Presentations were made on the Seminary, church plants, the group home, and the school. We thank God for those who attended and those who presented. It is a wonderful way for congregations to get a clear view of the work being accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit and to encourage one another in prayer. If you would like to attend the FORO in September, please talk with Jeff and Bessie Fick.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR PASTOR DOMENICHELLI

On Palm Sunday, Pastor Jonah Domenichelli gave a presentation at Zion about his mission work to establish a new Lutheran congregation near Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, focusing on bringing Word and Sacrament ministry to locals, expats, and members of the U.S. military living abroad. If you would like to be included in the Domenichelli's newsletter to keep up with the Lord's work in Germany, send an email to Renee.Domenichelli@LCMSintl.org and request being placed on their email list. Contributing to the mission work being undertaken by Pastor Domenichelli can be done online or by check through the mail. To contribute online, go to lcms.org/domenichelli and to send a check in the mail, address the envelope to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861, and write "Domenichelli-Germany" on the memo line of the check.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT ZION AND OFFERING

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

TRINITY, MILLSTADT HYMN FESTIVAL

Trinity in Millstadt, Illinois is celebrating 175 years of God's grace. On April 28th at 3pm, please join Trinity as they praise the Holy Trinity in song with a hymn festival. Former organist and choir director Rev. Scott Schilbe will be the organist, and former pastor Rev. Tyler Arnold will serve as commentator on the hymns. Trinity is located at 503 E Washington St, Millstadt, IL.

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1 PETER 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 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God for His wonderful creation of Spring.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Waylon Neumann
Altar Guild: Cheryl Sax & Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 21

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Dalton Wambold & Max Lara
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

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 II w/communion 10:00 AM
Hymn Festival @ Zion, Mascoutah 4:00 PM
Mon. **Echo Deadline**
Wed. No Choir Rehearsal
Dominican Republic Info Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs. Exec Board 6:30 PM
Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 PM
Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri. Preschool Parent's Morning Out 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM
Sun. Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Bible Class 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship Matins 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE APRIL 7: Sunday: 153
Adult Bible Class: 17 High School: 5 Sunday School: 43