

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

April 21, 2024

Jubilate

(Shout for Joy to God, All the Earth)



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

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

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Abba, Father, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live in excited anticipation of seeing You face to face and discovering Your promised newness of life in eternity, thus receiving Your final gift of life to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Prelude

Sunday School Children

“This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**
- Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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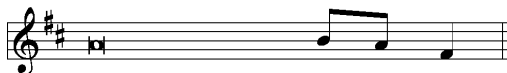
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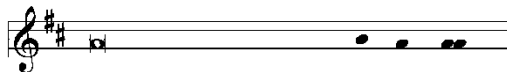
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther 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.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.
G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

G 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221

L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



Psalm

Psalm 147:1–11 (antiphon: v.5)

- L** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
 - C** for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
 - L** The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
 - C** He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
 - L** He heals the brokenhearted
 - C** and binds up their wounds.
 - L** He determines the number of the stars;
 - C** He gives to all of them their names.
 - L** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
 - C** His understanding is beyond measure.
 - L** The LORD lifts up the humble;
 - C** He casts the wicked to the ground.
 - L** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
 - C** make melody to our God on the lyre!
 - L** He covers the heavens with clouds;
 - C** He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills.
 - L** He gives to the beasts their food,
 - C** and to the young ravens that cry.
 - L** His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
 - C** nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,
 - L** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
 - C** in those who hope in His steadfast love.
- 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

Hymn

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

- 1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. Refrain**
- ref Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**
- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working To make me free. Refrain**
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus And set me free. Refrain**
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain**
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain**

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:25–31

To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my

God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

John 16:16-22

"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Easter Responsoy

Verse *To Refrain*

L 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the
 hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Children's Lunchbox Devotion

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
- 2 In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.
- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.
- 4 Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.
- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

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Sermon

Where True Joys Are Found

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

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Mark Hayes

(Cary Robinson, soloist)

Stand

Canticle

Te Deum - We Praise You and Acknowledge You

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en’s king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Prayer

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

☐ **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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ **And with your spirit.**

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

☐ In the presence of God’s family, let us call upon the Lord for all people, the Church, and those in want and need of hope. God of all compassion, it is a pleasing aroma to You when Your children dwell in unity.

☐ **Anoint Your Church with the oneness of faith and teaching, and lead us to love one another deeply from the heart.**

☐ God of all compassion, You have sent Your Church to call all people to You through Your only Son.

C Anoint Your church to call the world to repentance and baptism into Christ Jesus that all may know the promise of the resurrection.

P God of all compassion, by whose Word the heavens were made, instill within the leaders of the nations a wisdom that honors Your name.

C May justice and peace hold sway in the lives of all.

P God of all compassion, Your Holy Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures to the hearts of Your people.

C Enlighten this congregation by the resurrection Light that never fades that our hearts may burn in faith toward You.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Sharon Hosler, Bryan Benner, Dusty Gibson, Dylan Gibson, Laquitta Gibson, Kyle Manera, Ernie Lockwood, Blake Twenhafel, Karl Bretz, Calista Hosler, Dalton Wambold, and Emily Wambold, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Larry Richards and Becky Allen, as they recover from surgeries.
- ✠ Hayden and Alex Farmer, as they were blessed with a baby girl, Evelyn Joy Farmer, on April 16th.
- ✠ Family and friends of Pastor Vern Lintvedt, as they gathered yesterday for Pastor Vern's funeral.
- ✠ The preparation of faithful pastors at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.
- ✠ Call Day at the seminaries, as vicars receive their placements, and new pastors receive their first calls.
- ✠ Members of Zion's Board of Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Board of Finance.
- ✠ Faithfulness in support of world missions.

P We lay these petitions before You, O Father, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord, whom You have given dominion over all the works of Your hands.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

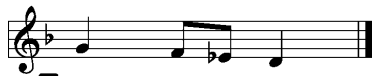
C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

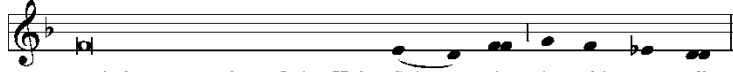


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

- 1 **Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 **God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 3 **Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
- 4 **Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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Postlude

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



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.

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. 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. 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!

NEWS ON PASTORS BEING TRAINED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican seminary is training Pastors from many Latin American nations. Partnerships have now been formed with Lutheran bodies in fellowship with the LCMS for mission outreach. Brazilian Missionary Pastor Lucas Elberhardt presented at the March FORO on outreach work and the congregation in the Las Americas section of Santo Domingo.

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

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LADIES RETREAT AT MESSIAH, LEBANON ON MAY 4th

Calling all Lutheran Ladies who love food, fun, and fellowship! The Lutheran Ladies of Messiah Lutheran in Lebanon, IL are hosting our Annual Ladies Retreat on May 4, 2024. We've had the honor to host speakers such as Rev. Drs. Bode and Saleska of Concordia Seminary, Pr. Weedon of St. Paul Hamel, and for this year, we're honored to host Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Pastor of Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah, IL! Our activities begin with a light breakfast at 8:00 am, followed by our Opening Devotion. Lunch will be served, and then we'll conclude at 3:00 pm with our Closing Devotion. You are invited to join with us as we study the scriptures and strengthen our faith and fellowship. Please let Pat Trame (618-980-3613) if you are planning on attending so that we might be able to have enough food/snacks available by May 1, 2024.

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.

TRINITY, MILLSTADT HYMN FESTIVAL

Trinity in Millstadt, Illinois is celebrating 175 years of God's grace. Please join Trinity on April 28th at 3pm, 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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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in appreciation of all our church officers and of all our volunteers that help out and lend their talents to our church.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 28

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Isaac Robinson
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton, Trey Harris, & Ryan Hinton (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & Lesley Eads
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 Matins	10:00 AM
	Youth Group Meeting	11:15 AM
Mon.	Board of Ed	7:00 PM
Wed.	Elders Meeting	6:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Confirmation Questioning	4:00 PM
Sun.	<i>Youth Confirmation</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE APRIL 14: Sunday: 155

Adult Bible Class: 19 High School: 7 Sunday School: 43