

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

February 1, 2026

## *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*



*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

We pray You, merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father through Jesus Christ, fill the clamoring needs of our souls, the pangs of our bodies, and the yearning of our intellect with Christ, for we are whole and free only as He meets us in our bondage and our helplessness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE I

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## Confession and Absolution

### *God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified*

The Lord tells His people, "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "Blessed are you," therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. John Behnke

Hymn

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LSB 592

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying  
That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
- 2 Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly:  
"You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit."
- 3 Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.  
Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,  
In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.
- 5 Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

*Stand*

## 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.)*

*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** *Evan Warren Spicer*

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

**P** Evan Warren Spicer, 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 Evan Warren Spicer according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he 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, he 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 Evan Warren Spicer as sponsors in the Christian faith?

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

**P** God enable you both 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*

*When a candidate for Baptism is too young to answer the following questions, the child's parents and sponsors faithfully answer the questions addressed to the child on behalf of the one under their care:*

**P** Evan Warren Spicer, 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** Evan Warren Spicer, 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** Evan Warren Spicer, 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 brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out 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 Evan Warren Spicer the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he 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

*Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
**C** **but the way of the wicked will perish.**
- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
**C** **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
- P** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**C** **and on His law he meditates day and night.**
- P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.  
**C** **In all that he does, he prospers.**
- P** The wicked are not so,  
**C** **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**C** **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**
- 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.**
- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
**C** **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie

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

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

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

**G** 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.

**G** 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.

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

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

**G** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

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



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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*

Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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### Old Testament Reading

*Micah 6:1–8*

Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has an indictment against His people,  
and He will contend with Israel.

“O My people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer Me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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

*Sit*

### Children’s Devotion

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## Sermon

### 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.]*

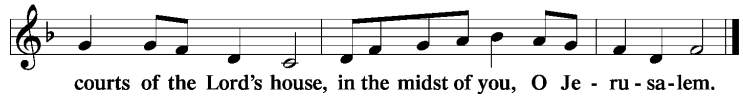
### Special Offering Music

Stand

### Offertory

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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



*Sit*

## Receiving of New Members

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You have called us to good work in our various vocations. Give us courage that we might never be ashamed of Christ and Him crucified, but be free to boast in the Lord within our callings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authorities, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, when Christ returns in His glory You promise to wipe away every tear from every eye. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and deliver, according to Your good and gracious will, those troubled by sickness and affliction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You know the way of the righteous. Preserve Your people from walking in the counsel of the wicked, from standing in the way of sinners and from sitting in the seat of scoffers. By Your grace, cause them to delight in Your Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### In Our Prayers this Week:

Mark Krausz, Adam Ahner, Brad Lockwood, Deb Heck, Gabriella Jeffries, Gatlin Jeffries, Viviana Jeffries, Alicia Suedmeyer, Sarah Linn, Ami Linnertz, Jeremy Linnertz, Nicholas Linnertz, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Evan Spicer, as he is baptized today.

Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.

Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

Others who have requested our prayers: Quincy Baro, Sharon Fournie, Elaine Beirow, Karen Eatherton

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

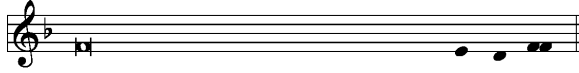
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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Hymn

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

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## Postlude

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### WE WELCOME EVAN WARREN SPICER

Congratulations to Scott and Elissa Spicer on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Evan Warren Spicer. Evan's sponsors are Jamie & Chris Armstrong. Welcome, Evan!

### FEBRUARY ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The February Echo and calendar are now available in the narthex or at [zionmascoutah.org](http://zionmascoutah.org).

### OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- **Today** David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro
- Feb 8 Jean & Amanda Kemezys, Joe & Katie Crismon
- Feb 15 Bob & Karen Eldridge, Ray & Marianne McDaniel
- Feb 22 Tony, Jen, Luke, & Max Lara

### SPECIAL GUESTS AT BIBLE STUDY TODAY

During the Bible Study hour today, missionaries Daniel Lowitz and Marie Lowitz will be speaking. They will be sharing information on our Southern Illinois Districts international mission project the Dominican Republic seminary Concordia el Reformador. We will be taking a door offering to support the work at the seminary. Be sure to set aside this date to come and learn of the work being carried out to prepare pastors and deaconesses that are planting churches throughout Latin America. Come and support these new missionaries as they begin their work in the Dominican Republic in March. This is also a great way to prepare yourself to pray for this mission in daily devotions.

### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY LUMPIA FUNDRAISER

**Location:** Mascoutah Senior Center

**Date:** February 8<sup>th</sup>

**Pickup Time:** 4:00–4:30 PM

**12 Lumpia for \$15**

- Cooked or uncooked.
- Lumpia made with chicken with vegetables.

**To reserve:** Call 618-566-8758

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### LCMS FOUNDATION

We live in an "I can do it myself" culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. An automated will or trust generator may not be able to capture family nuances pertaining to inheritance. Hiring legal counsel to make sure these issues are addressed is pursued. To prepare for working with an attorney, your Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfind.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfind.org).

### HYMN FESTIVAL AT ST' PAUL'S, TROY – FEB 8<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited to a hymn festival commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Four SID churches named 'St. Paul' will join together for this hymn festival that afternoon: St. Paul's Columbia, St. Paul Hamel, St. Paul's Troy, and St. Paul Wood River. The Hymn Festival will be Feb. 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Troy, 112 N. Border St., Troy, IL. Hymn commentaries will be provided by pastors of the participating churches. The organist will be Joseph Meador from St. Paul, Wood River and MELHS. The choir conductor will be Karen Shimkus from St. Paul's, Troy and St. Paul's, Columbia. The accompanist will

be Kantor Janet Muth from St. Paul, Hamel. Singers and instrumentalists from all 4 churches and MELHS will participate. In the spirit of St. Paul, a mission offering will be collected for the Seminario Concordia El Reformador in the Dominican Republic (a mission partner of the SID).

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Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Tyler Hinton  
Offering Ushers: David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro  
Acolytes: James Trame & Bristol Sax  
Elder of the Month: Dale Wehmeyer

### **THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 8**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales  
Offering Ushers: Jean & Amanda Kemezys, Joe & Katie Crismon  
Acolytes: Reed Hollenkamp & Leif Peterson  
Altar Guild: Dawn & Phoebe Corey  
Elder of the Month: Dale Wehmeyer

### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Wed.	Zion Service @Brightly	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	6:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Zion Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM