

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

January 11, 2025

## *Baptism of our Lord*

BAPTISM of the LORD



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



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## Electronic Devices

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## Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit of the Godhead, who has called us into the marvelous light of Christ, lead us also in the footsteps of Christ that the sinner in us always give way to our sainthood in Christ; through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

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## Confession and Absolution

### *The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism*

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

arr. John Behnke

Hymn

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

ref **Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain**

**3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain**

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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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

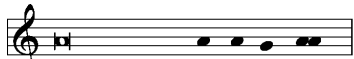
## Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

- P** Behold My servant, whom I uphold,  
**C** **My chosen, in whom My soul delights.**  
**P** I will tell of the decree:  
**C** **The LORD said to me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten you.**  
**P** Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**C** **and the ends of the earth your possession.**  
**P** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**C** **and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**  
**P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**C** **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**  
**P** Serve the LORD with fear,  
**C** **and rejoice with trembling,**  
**P** for His wrath is quickly kindled.  
**C** **Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.**  
**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** Behold My servant, whom I uphold,  
**C** **My chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

## Kyrie

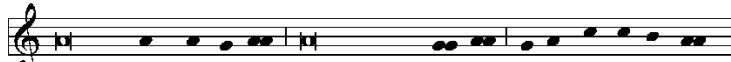
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



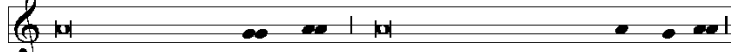
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



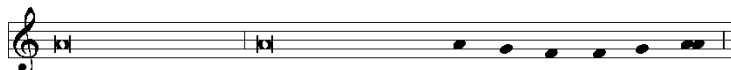
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



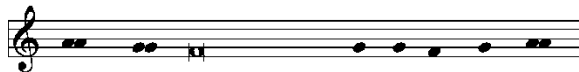
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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

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

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Behold My servant, whom I uphold,  
 My chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
 I have put My Spirit upon Him;  
 He will bring forth justice to the nations.  
 He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice,  
 or make it heard in the street;  
 a bruised reed He will not break,  
 and a faintly burning wick He will not quench;  
 He will faithfully bring forth justice.  
 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
 till He has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for His law.  
 Thus says God, the LORD,  
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
 who gives breath to the people on it  
 and spirit to those who walk in it:  
 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
 to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
 I am the LORD; that is My name;  
 My glory I give to no other,  
 nor My praise to carved idols.  
 Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
 and new things I now declare;  
 before they spring forth  
 I tell you of them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**P** 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

*Matthew 3:13–17*

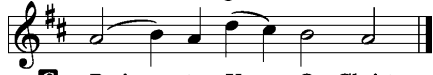
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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



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

*Sit*

Hymn

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## Sermon

*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**

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

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your Son to us in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as You have opened heaven to Your Church through Holy Baptism, give her faithful teachers to proclaim Your Son, Jesus Christ, and all that accords with godliness, that many would repent of their sins and join Him in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, You sent Your Son to serve Your people and deliver them from sin and death. Because we long for Your salvation, bring us out of our afflictions and uphold all those bruised in spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, You have brought eternal life to us through the death of Your Son. Grant that we who have come through Baptism and have died to this world would ever more and more live in the resurrected life of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **In Our Prayers this Week:**

Laurie Fournie, Melody Thomsen, Kennedy Yankey, Kinsley Yankey, and Wyatt Bigley, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.

Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

Others who have requested our prayers:

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

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### Offertory

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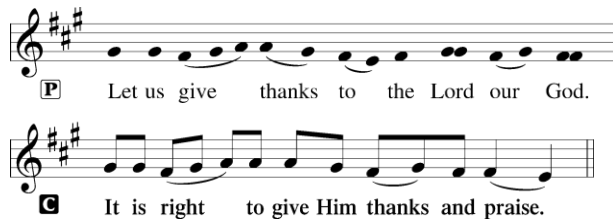
**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence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

## 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### 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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*In Holy communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before service.*

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

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**

**Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

*LSB 623*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.**
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.**
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.**

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**Hymn**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

*LSB 398*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.**
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.**
- 3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.**
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
 From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
 The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
 His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

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Hymn

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
 That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
 But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
 For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,  
 By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Stand

- 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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*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

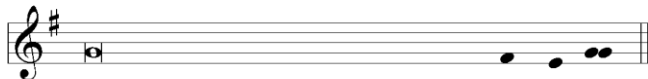
**P** Let us pray.

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

### Beautiful Savior

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- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;**  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!**  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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### Postlude

### Oh Love, How Deep

arr. Sam Eatherton

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### 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 Trent & Sharon Morris, Mike & Amanda Ganey**
- Jan 18 Joe & Konya Bloomquist, Mark & Chris Hatcher
- Jan 25 Kris & William Huth, Lee & Ryan Hinton

### UPDATE ON PAST SEMINARY STUDENTS

In a recent issue of Seminary Magazine, former Zion seminary student Kyle Moellenhoff and family were featured in an article. Kyle is the recipient of the Future Faculty Fellowship Fund which supports Ph.D. students identified as potential future faculty members. In a recent issue of Lutheran Engage, former Zion seminary student Roger Drinnon & his wife Katrina were featured in an article about the strong youth program they have built merging youth from four congregations. Pastor Drinnon is currently serving the Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais, IL. (Roger's mother, Kim Drinnon, is a member of Zion.) The articles are pinned to the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please take a moment to read and appreciate the success and hard work of both these families. May God continue to bless them!

### INVITATION YO THE LADIES OF ZION

Please join us this Thursday for our first ladies aid meeting of the new year. We will have a brand-new agenda of ideas, devotions, mission projects, and activities for the year and would love to have you see what we're all about. Hope to see you at 7 PM in the conference room. If you have questions, See Pinky or Glenda.

### THANK YOU FROM JERRY & MARLEEN PURDIN

Thank you for all the cards and prayers given to us while we were under the weather this past year.

### TRES, CHAMBER MUSIC TRIO CONCERT

As we start the new year St. Paul UCC Fine Arts welcomes the Grammy Award nominated group *Tres, Chamber Music Trio* with special guest artist Grammy Award winner, Miguel Zenon. This should be the most amazing concert we have hosted in many years. The concert will be Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Paul UCC Sanctuary at 115 West B Street in Belleville, IL.

### LCMS FOUNDATION

We live in a "I can do it myself" culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, "Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?" This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you in getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we've begun a new study in the book of Genesis! This week's study will take us through chapters 2 and 3. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this weekend (1/17 at 10 a.m.) — we're continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer with the 5th Petition! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app.

### EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Stranger Things: Season 5, The Top Biblical Archeology Stories of 2025, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, The Baptism of Our Lord, The Epiphany Season and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

### THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in joyful celebration of the birthdays of Adam and Ted Ahner.

### THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Tyler Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Trent & Sharon Morris, Mike & Amanda Ganey  
Acolytes: Viviana Jeffries & Aaron Dietrich  
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman & Candy Andres  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

### THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 18

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales  
Offering Ushers: Joe & Konya Bloomquist, Mark & Chris Hatcher  
Acolytes: William Huth & Gabriella Jeffries  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

### 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
Mon.	<b>Echo Deadline</b>	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	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 JANUARY 4: Sunday: 134

Adult Bible Class: 19 High School: 5 Sunday School: 24