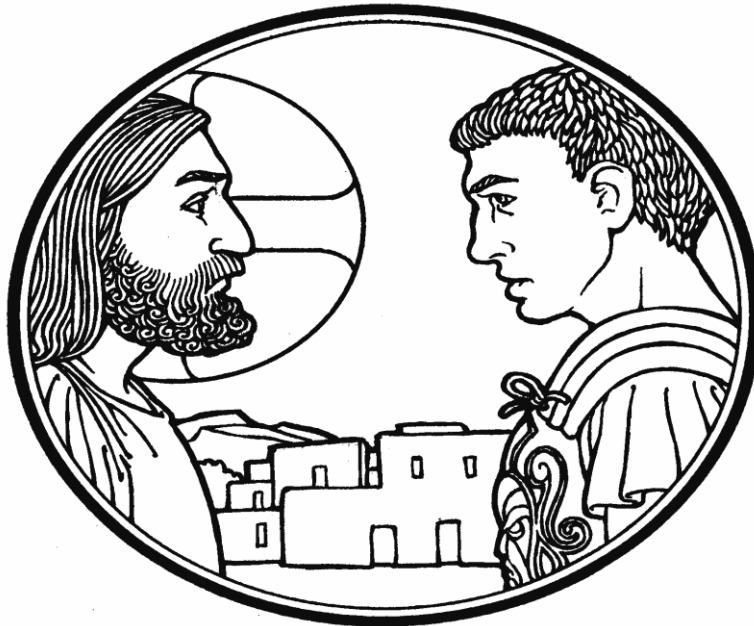


**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



*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

Almighty God, You called Your Son to proclaim the kingdom of heaven and to call people from darkness into His marvelous light. As we gather in Your presence, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to hear His Word, to repent of our sins, and to trust in His gracious call. Strengthen us to follow Him in faith and to bear witness to His saving light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

### *The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry*

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

**Prelude** **Sent Forth by God’s Blessing** **arr. Behnke**

**Hymn** **O God of God, O Light of Light** *LSB 810*

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven’s glory bright The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**
- 2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page, And grand in poets’ wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.**
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.**
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.**

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

### Confession with Absolution

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

*Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*

**P** I will tell of Your name to my brothers;

**C** in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

**C** and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**P** For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**C** and He rules over the nations.

**P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**C** before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**P** Posterity shall serve Him;

**C** it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

**P** they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C** that He has done it.

**P** I will tell of Your name to my brothers;

**C** in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

### Gloria Patri



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with Thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
You have multiplied the nation;  
You have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before You  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
For the yoke of His burden,  
and the staff for His shoulder,  
the rod of His oppressor,  
You have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Barry Bobb

## Epistle

*I Corinthians 1:10-18*

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



- 1 **O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.**
- 2 **Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**
- 3 **O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**
- 4 **Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**
- 5 **That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

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## Sermon

*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.

O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, graciously allow Your Church to enjoy unity of doctrine and a spirit of harmony in the work that You have given her to do. Prosper this work and supply us with faithful pastors and church workers. 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 God, grant peace to the nations. Give good and faithful leaders in our land. Grant them wisdom and integrity for the good of all people, that justice may be served in every place and for the protection of the unborn and the weak. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons, and He healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your kingdom is at hand wherever Jesus, our King, dwells. Bless those who receive Your Holy Supper today, that they may rejoice that the King draws near with His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, be present with the lonely. Work through us, that they may find welcome and consolation within the fellowship of God's people. Grant that those who sorrow may not despair but find hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the firstfruits of the new creation. In reverence, we glorify Your name for the hope and promise of the resurrection. We give You thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this mortal life in faith. Preserve us also in Your Word and faith until we die. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### In Our Prayers this Week:

Roy Klingelhoef, Jake Lara, Robin Phillips, Ted Ahner, and Bob Eldridge, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.  
Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.  
Faithfulness in Christian Worship.  
Others who have requested our prayers: Tom Sax, Candy Andres' family members,

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.**

*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

*Stand*

### Offertory

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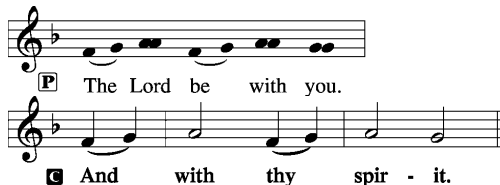


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194



The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

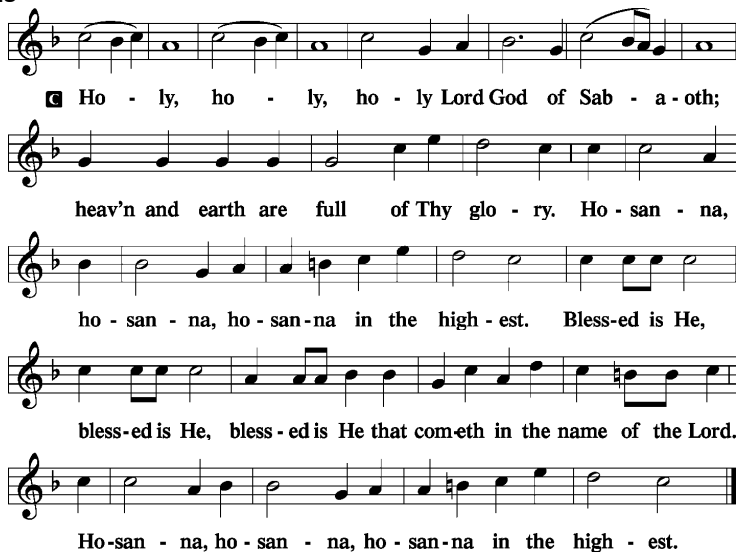
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

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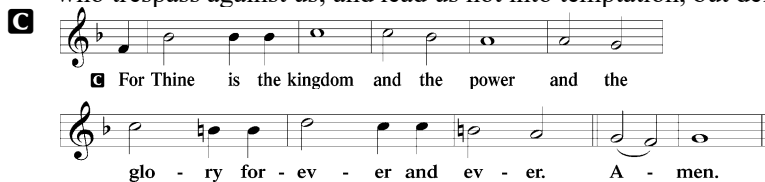


**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

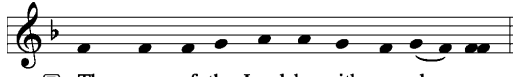
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** 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.”

## Pax Domini

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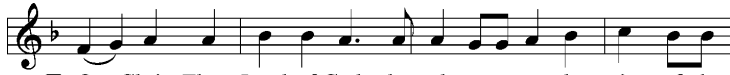
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



**O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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, Life-Giving Bread***LSB 625*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.**
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.**
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.**
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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**Hymn****The Church's One Foundation***LSB 644*

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

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- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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.

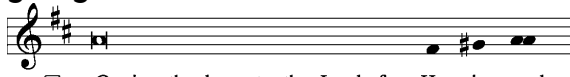
### Nunc Dimittis

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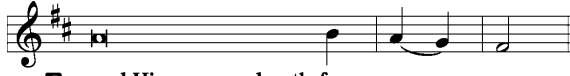
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

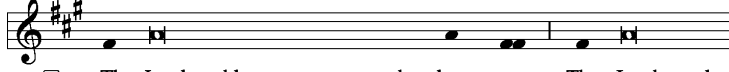
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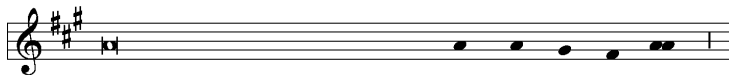
**A** Bless we the Lord.



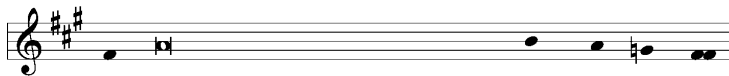
**G** Thanks be to God.



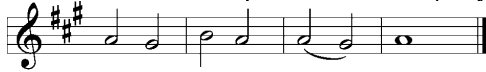
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

LSB 411

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain**

**ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

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Postlude

**O God of God, O Light of Light**

arr. Charles Ore

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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 Kris & William Huth, Lee & Ryan Hinton**
- Feb 1 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 NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

During the Bible Study hour next Sunday, 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, DINNER FOR SEMINARIAN TYLER SIMMONS**

Next Sunday, the Ladies Aid will hold a dinner for Tyler Simmons, the seminarian we support, immediately after church in the fellowship room. We will have shredded pork sandwiches, slaw, salad, desserts, etc. There will be a free-will offering taken up to help with our support. Please plan to attend and meet him and his family.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Zion's Ladies Aid is again participating in MOSAIC Pregnancy and Health Centers' Baby Bottle Campaign. MOSAIC offers a wide variety of free and confidential pregnancy services and medically accurate abortion

information. They reach out to women, men and their unborn babies with free life-affirming medical services and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each financial gift placed in a bottle is a way to honor their precious little ones saved due to MOSAIC. In the previous year they raised over \$90,000 in support from nearly 100 local churches. \*\*\*Please take a bottle from the table and fill it with coins, cash, or a check and return it to Zion by **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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 is made with chicken and vegetables.

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

**Questions:** Contact Lita Timmerman

Support a great cause and enjoy delicious homemade lumpia!

### **NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR PRESIDENT AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE CENTRAL REGION**

The Missouri Synod is giving each congregation an opportunity to submit nominations for President and First Vice President of the Synod and Vice President for the Central Region. Nominations are due to the Synod NLT February 18<sup>th</sup>. Voting members of our congregation may nominate LCMS rostered ministers for these positions by e-mail to the Zion Council President, Randy Thomsen ([melnran@live.com](mailto:melnran@live.com)) by February 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration at a Special Voters Meeting immediately after church on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider nominations as the Synod will assemble a slate of candidates based on those receiving the most nominations.

### **HYMN FESTIVAL AT ST' PAUL'S, TROY -- TODAY**

Everyone is invited to a hymn festival commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25. 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 Jan. 25, 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).

### **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. Estate planning is more than a task such as filing your income taxes online. Your attorney, financial advisor, insurance representative and tax advisor all have a responsibility to help you plan well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help make sure all the communication is working with all these people, also making sure that your goals are being respected. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850**

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're continuing our study of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 8! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our series, "The Magnificent 37", a study of the miracles of Jesus. On Concord Matters this week (1/31 at 10 a.m.), we're concluding our study of the Lord's Prayer with a look at the 7th Petition—what does it look like for the Lord to "deliver us from evil"? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app.

### **THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON SERIES...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller, author of the new book "Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son" at [issuesetc.org/prodigalson](http://issuesetc.org/prodigalson).

### **THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in support of National Right to Life.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Kris & William Huth, Lee & Ryan Hinton  
Acolytes: Mackenzie Krausz & Sean Spicer  
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

### **THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 1**

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

### **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 III w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 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 DS I	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 18:** Sunday: 130

Adult Bible Class: 23 High School: 6 Sunday School: 26