

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
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First Sunday in Lent



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



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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Lent, we come before You in repentance and faith. Prepare our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to hear Your Word, to resist temptation, and to trust in Christ alone for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

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Confession and Absolution

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All

Following His Baptism, Jesus is “led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives “by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more “have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many” (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience “leads to justification and life for all men” (Rom. 5:18).

Prelude

Sonata in d minor: Chorale

Felix Mendelssohn

Hymn

All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall

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- 1 All mankind fell in Adam’s fall; One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends, And over all God’s wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav’nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way, Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5 As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs.
This grace our ev’ry way attend Until we reach our journey’s end.

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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** 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 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

- P** When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
- C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**
- P** With long life I will satisfy him
- C** **and show him My salvation.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
- C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
- C** **no plague come near your tent.**
- P** For He will command His angels concerning you
- C** **to guard you in all your ways.**
- P** On their hands they will bear you up,
- C** **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder;
- C** **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**
- P** When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
- C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**
- P** With long life I will satisfy him
- C** **and show him My salvation.**

Gloria Patri



G 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

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



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

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted for Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy spirit.

P Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman He said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your

husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Molly Ijames

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia is omitted for Lent.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 4th chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command His angels concerning You,’

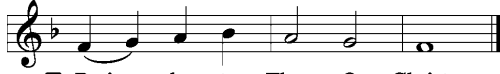
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“‘On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and Him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☐ 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.

Sit

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Sermon

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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, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, You have shown Yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve. Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to Your gracious will and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of Your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, though You gave us stewardship of Your good creation, we love the gifts more than the giver. Save us from trusting in our possessions more than in Your Son. Teach us to use what You have provided to help those in need and to relieve the poor, the unemployed and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Lindsay Murphy, Mark Manera, Makenna Gryga, and Briar Bales, 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: Ray & Carrie Kunkel, Dennis Nall

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; 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

Stand

Offertory

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C 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

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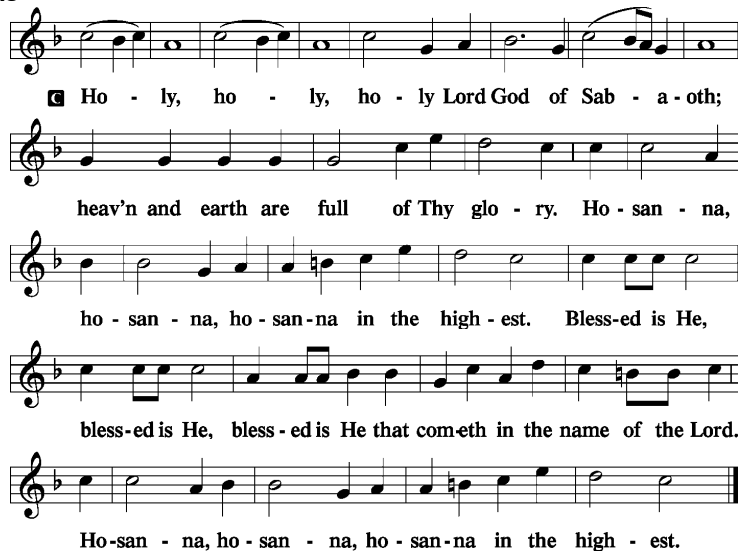
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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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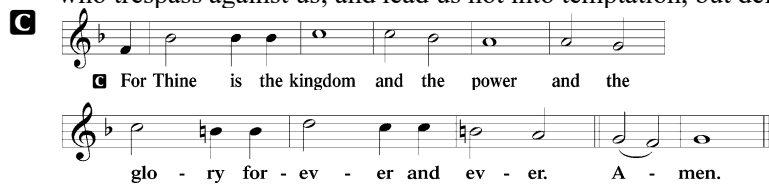


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the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

Lord's Prayer

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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

LSB 197

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

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 ✠ 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

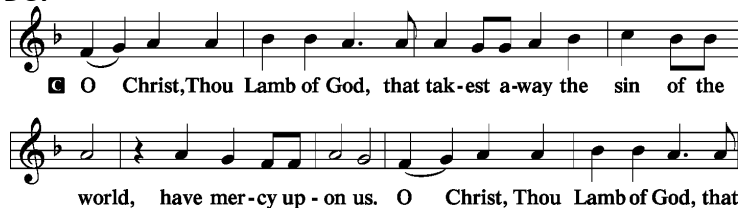
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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

What Is This Bread

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- 1 **What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break,
This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**
- 2 **What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace
Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.**
- 3 **So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.**
- 4 **Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.**
- 5 **Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe
That I receive His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless. Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us; For through many_a woe To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief, When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring. Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us, Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

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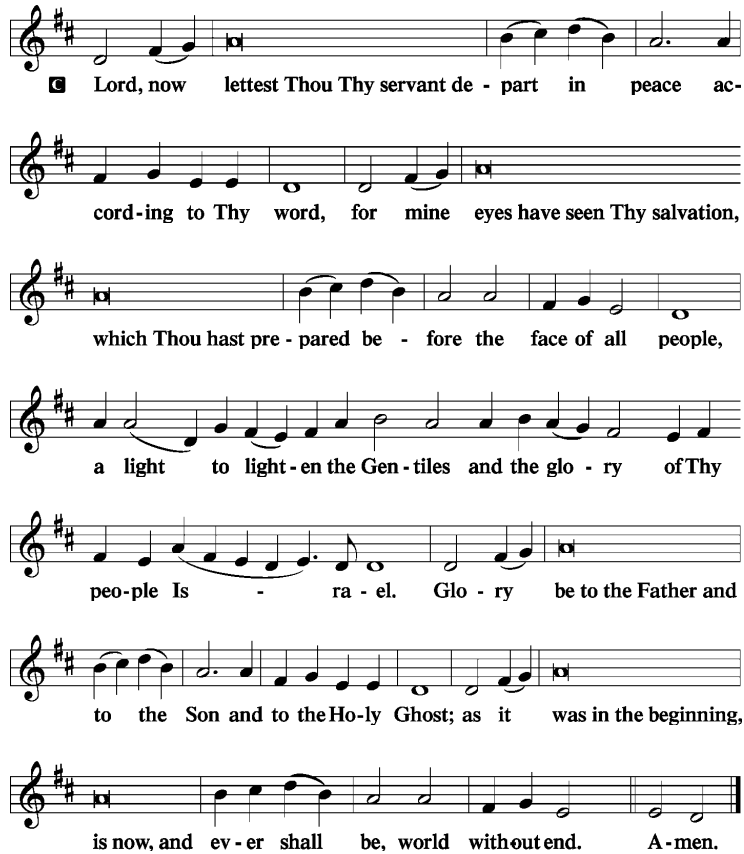
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The Dismissal

- 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

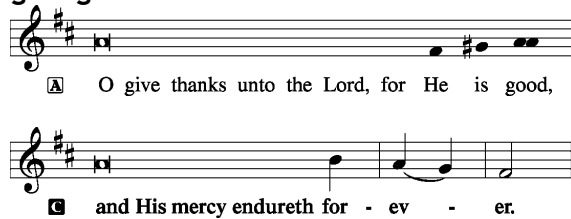
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - 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

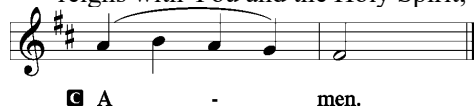
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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

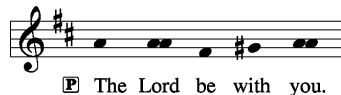
Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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



A - men.

Salutation

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The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus & Benediction

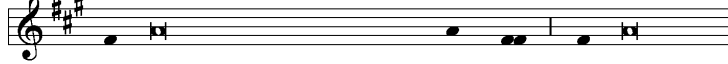
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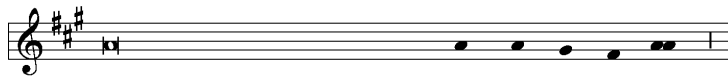
Bless we the Lord.



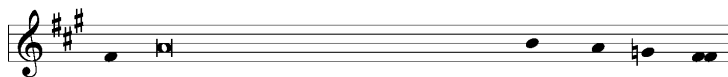
Thanks be to God.



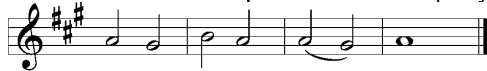
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

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- 1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.
- 2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
- 3 Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit;
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"
- 4 Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree He died.
Yet to life was raised victorious; By His life our life supplied.
- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

Postlude

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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 Tony, Jen, Luke, & Max Lara**
- Mar 1 Steve & Kayla Hollenkamp, Marsha Baro, & Melissa Kohnen
- Mar 8 Jon & Cary Robinson, Mark & Mary Kay Krausz
- Mar 15 Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer, Lionel & Lita Timmerman
- Mar 22 Ken & Laurie Knutson, Frank & Jenn Jeffries
- Mar 29 Harry Bailey, Tom Hinton, Pat Lange, & Dustin Pannier

LENTEN MEALS

Lent is here, so it is time to sign up for Lenten Meals. Meals will be served before each Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 on those evenings, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. Here is a list of dates available, which will be updated as more people sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Feb 25 Pinky Ahner & Lita Timmerman: Chicken Casserole

Mar 4

Mar 11

Mar 18 Men's Club: Taco Salad

Mar 25

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - TODAY

The February Youth Group Meeting is today, Feb 22nd, from 6:30-8pm. We will have a devotion about keeping God as your #1 Priority in life. We need as many youths to be there because we will be setting up for the dress sale tonight during the meeting as well. Thank you to everyone who will help! We hope to see you all there!

SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE – MARCH 7th

The Men's Club Family Movie for Saturday, March 7, is *Turbo*. When Turbo, an ordinary snail, acquires the power of super-speed, his life kicks into overdrive. With the help of a struggling taco stand owner and a streetwise snail crew, Turbo attempts to race in the Indy 500. Will he make all their dreams come true? Join us in the church basement at 2:30 p.m. for a free movie, soda and snacks.

FORMAL DRESS SALE

Looking for the perfect formal dress at a great price? Come shop and support our youth in the church gym on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. All dresses \$20–\$50, Cash or check only. All proceeds benefit the Zion Lutheran Youth Group. Donations accepted: Friday, February 27 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. or weekdays at Mascoutah Eye Care from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact: eyesewmoml6@gmail.com

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. Sometimes we don't know the possibilities of things we could do, especially on our own. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can show you those gifting opportunities. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 21! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we look at the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 11. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this week (2/28 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be concluding our study of Baptism as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. What does it look like for believers to walk in their Baptisms daily? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT...

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "Glory Be to Jesus," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



**20TH ANNUAL
ZION YOUTH GROUP
PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER**



<https://forms.office.com/r/7YFZy6weR3>

WHEN? Sat., March 21 5:30p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Race Starts at 6:00 p.m.	WHERE? Zion Lutheran Church Gym 101 South Railway Mascoutah, IL 62258
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WHAT?

Your team of 4 will race against other teams to be the first to assemble a 750-piece puzzle. All puzzles are identical.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place *and* attendance prizes!

There will be no food served this year. Please bring all your own amazing snacks and treats but *no alcohol*. We will have drinks available for purchase. Bring a little extra cash for a special twist to our race & our special raffle!

HOW MUCH? - \$60 per team - Teams must pre-register. Pay the night of the event.	
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WHY? Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church.	WHO? All ages capable of assembling a 750-piece puzzle.
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QUESTIONS?
Contact Jennifer Lara at 618.530.8827

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of Almighty God in grateful thanksgiving for His providence and faithfulness as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation. We also remember with gratitude the birthday of our first President, George Washington, praying that God would continue to guide and bless our land in righteousness and peace.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Tyler Hinton
Offering Ushers: Tony, Jen, Luke, & Max Lara
Acolytes: Hadley Sax & Ava Sax
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix
Elder of the Month: Dale Wehmeyer

THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales
Acolytes: Max Lara
Elder of the Month: Dale Wehmeyer

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 1

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson
Offering Ushers: Steve & Kayla Hollenkamp, Marsha Baro, & Melissa Kohnen
Acolytes: Dawson Rowold & Ryan Hinton
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

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
	Youth Group Meeting	6:30 PM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Board of Ed	6:30 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 FEBRUARY 15: Sunday: 110

ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 18: Ash Wednesday: 62