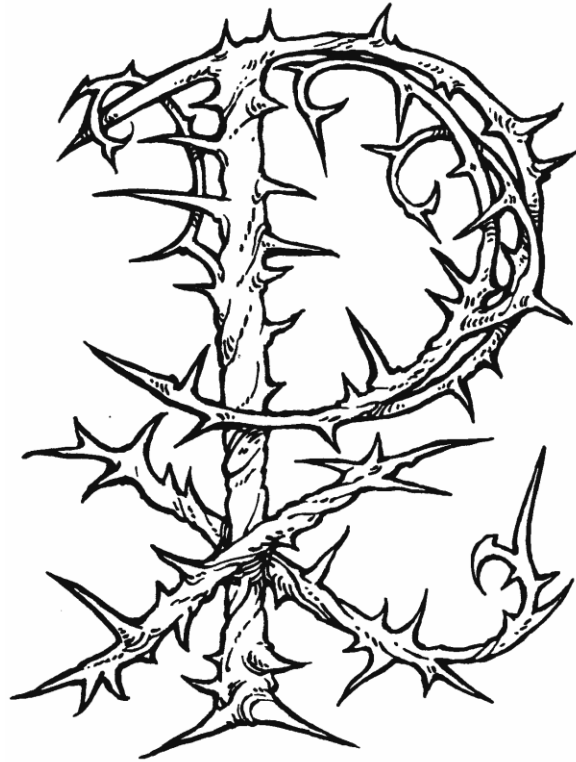


**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**February 25, 2026**  
*1st Lent Midweek Service*



*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 evening be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.*



**Pastor: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich**  
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Please TURN OFF all cell phones and electronic devices when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

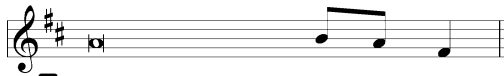
# Vespers

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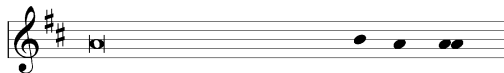
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.  
*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalm

*Psalm 104:1-10, 33-35*

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great!
- C** You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.
- P** He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters;
- C** He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind;
- P** He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.
- C** He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.
- P** You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
- C** At Your rebuke they fled; at the sound of Your thunder they took to flight.
- P** The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that You appointed for them.
- C** You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
- P** You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

- C** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**P** May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
**C** Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!  
**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

From God the Father, Virgin-Born

*LSB 401*

- 1 From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
- 2 Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
- 3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.
- 4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
- 5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

*Stand*

- 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Micah 5:2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for Me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore He shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of His brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

And He shall be their peace.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 1*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are My Son,  
today I have begotten You”?

Or again,

“I will be to Him a father,  
and He shall be to Me a son”?

And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

“Let all God’s angels worship Him.”

Of the angels He says,

“He makes His angels winds,  
and His ministers a flame of fire.”

But of the Son He says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions.”

And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of Your hands;

they will perish, but You remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

like a robe You will roll them up,

like a garment they will be changed.

But You are the same,

and Your years will have no end.”

And to which of the angels has He ever said,

“Sit at My right hand

until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet”?

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Passion Reading

*Mark 14:12–31*

**P** The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this

is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to Him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with You, I will not deny You.” And they all said the same.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lent Responsory



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

### Hymn

### O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

- 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.

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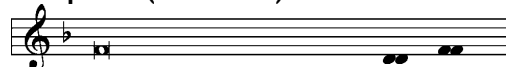
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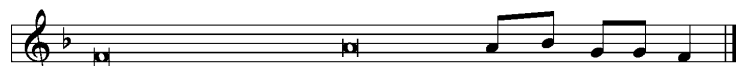
### Canticle

#### Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231



- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

# Magnificat

LSB 231



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



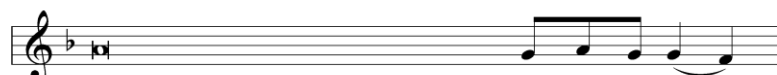
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



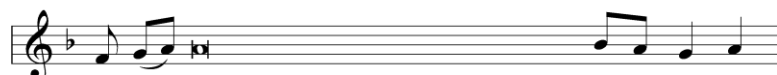
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



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



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men.

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.]*

Stand

# Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 233



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

## 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.

## Collects

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** Lord Jesus, You loved us with all You had. We give thanks that You became one of us, no matter the pain, so that You might redeem each of us as Your own. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

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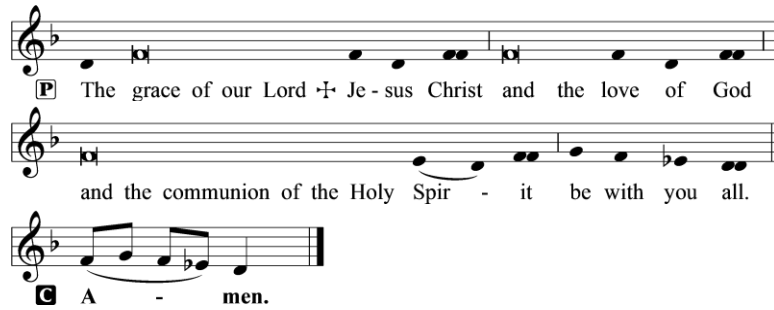
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234



**P** The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.  
**A** - men.

## Hymn

### All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

LSB 883

- 1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.**
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**
- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.**
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!**
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.**

*Stand*

- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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*Sit*

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## The Robe of Human Frame

Why did Jesus have to come among us as a human being? Why didn't He come as an angel or some other kind of being that is stronger and more powerful than us? While angels may be a source of endless fascination to the Christian and to the world, they have no power to save us. In this week's sermon, we will hear why taking on the "robe of [our] human frame" was not only a good idea but also necessary for our salvation. Angels are wonderful, but they are not Jesus. He came as one of us so that He could redeem us as His own.

## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### MARCH ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

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

### 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 Dan & LaVonne Evers

### LENTEN SERVICE OFFERINGS

The Lenten service offerings and money collected from the Lenten meals will be distributed as follows: 1/3 to Mascoutah Food Pantry, 1/3 to Unity Lutheran School, 1/3 to Concordia Seminary Food Bank (via Ray & Jean Kemezys). Thank you, Board of Finance

### 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](mailto:eyesewmoml6@gmail.com)

### SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE – MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>

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.

### ZION PRESCHOOL SPRING CAKE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Zion Preschool's Spring Fundraiser is Cake Rolls through Show Me Dough. These products arrive frozen and just need to be thawed before serving. They would be perfect for the coming Easter holiday. There will be an order form in the Narthex through Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. You can also order online using the QR Code below or check out our Zion Preschool Facebook page for a direct link to the fundraiser website.



All orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Preschool South Street doors. The money we raise will help us purchase additional toys and equipment for the gym. Thank you to everyone for helping to support our program!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KITCHEN CLEANING**

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 AM until noon, we would like to clean the kitchen in the educational building. Cleaning will include cleaning outside and inside of cabinets. We will do as much as we can in the three hours. If you can make part of the time, that's great. The more help, the more cabinets we complete. Thank you in advance for helping. Please bring a bucket and 1 or 2 rags.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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 SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
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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**

Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	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
	Men's Club	6:00 PM