

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 11, 2026

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*



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## Electronic Devices

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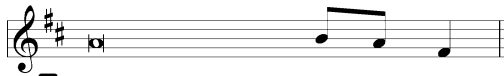
# Vespers

*Stand*

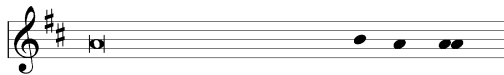
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



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



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



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



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



**G** 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 80:1-7*

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**G** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**G** Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** O LORD God of hosts,

**G** how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

**P** You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**G** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**G** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### First Reading

*Romans 10:8–17*

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Mark 1:35–39*

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, and they found Him and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” And He said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”<sup>3</sup> And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Passion Reading

*Mark 14:53-15:5*

**P** The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received Him with blows.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

**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 1-4)

- 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.**

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**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Canticle**

**Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 231*

**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,  
**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**Magnificat**

*LSB 248*

**G** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - garded  
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.  
2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

*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** Heavenly Father, You did not remain apart from Your creation. You sought us when we were not seeking You and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. For all this we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth

of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

LSB 234



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 234



## **For Us He Seeks**

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **LASAGNA DINNER TO SUPPORT SEMINARIAN TYLER SIMMONS – THIS SUNDAY**

On Sunday, March 15, the Ladies Aid will hold a dinner after church to welcome Seminarian Tyler Simmons, who is supported by our organization at the seminary. His wife Rachel and their children will also attend. (In addition to the lasagna, we will also have hot dogs available.) We hope to see many of you stay to meet and get to know them. There will be a free will offering taken to help support his seminary studies.

### **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

### **LENTEN MEALS**

Lenten 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.

Mar 11 Pizza

Mar 18 Men's Club: Taco Salad

Mar 25 Dan & LaVonne Evers: Italian

### **ZION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting Zion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. We will be providing a morning snack with the help of Ladies' Aid, presenting various Easter activities, and leading an Egg Hunt for each age level. Please invite your friends and family to bring their children, ages toddler-12. Please sign up on the participation sheet in the Narthex for all those participating, listing name and ages. For members that would like to volunteer to fill eggs with candy, there are bags of eggs available for filling in the Narthex as well. Thank you. BOE

### **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: Leif Peterson  
Acolytes:  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

**THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales  
Offering Ushers: Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer, Lionel & Lita Timmerman  
Acolytes: Viviana Jeffries & Aaron Dietrich  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Lent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	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
	Lasagna Dinner after church	