

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 18, 2026

*4<sup>th</sup> Lent Midweek Service*

As the sufferings  
of Christ  
abound in us +  
so also through  
Christ.  
Does our  
comfort abound

*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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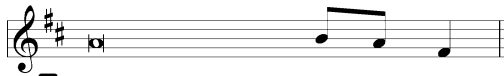
# Vespers

*Stand*

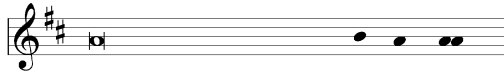
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



**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 71:1-8*

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
- C** In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me, and save me!
- P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
- C** You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.
- P** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
- C** For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- P** Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;
- C** You are He who took me from my mother's womb.
- P** My praise is continually of You.
- C** I have been as a portent to many, but You are my strong refuge.
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C** and with Your glory all the day.  
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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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### First Reading

*Romans 8:9-11*

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Mark 5:1-13*

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me." For He was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Passion Reading

Mark 15:6-32

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

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify Him." And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led Him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him. And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left.

And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

**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)

- 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!**
- 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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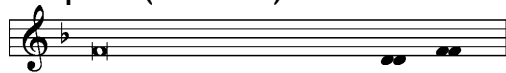
## Sermon

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 empty 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

☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**Lord's Prayer**

☐ 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 came into this created world to conquer sin and death. By Your victory over the tempter as one of us, strengthen our faith whenever it is under duress. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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*



**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.



**C** A - men.

- 1 Now rest beneath night's shadow The woodland, field, and meadow; The world in slumber lies.  
But you, my heart, awaking And prayer and music making, Let praise to your Creator rise.
- 2 The radiant sun has vanished, Its golden rays are banished From dark'ning skies of night;  
But Christ, the Sun of gladness, Dispelling all our sadness, Shines down on us in warmest light.
- 3 Now all the heav'nly splendor Breaks forth in starlight tender From myriad worlds unknown;  
And we, this marvel seeing, Forget our selfish being For joy of beauty not our own.
- 4 Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me And shield me from alarm.  
Though Satan would devour me, Let angel guards sing o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
- 5 My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely From peril guard your heads.  
Sweet slumbers may He send you And bid His hosts attend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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## Healing from Demons

We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. Tonight, we will talk about the darker side of the story—that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (Mark 5:1–13) and how that work of healing continues today.

## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### 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 18 Men's Club: Taco Salad

Mar 25 Dan & LaVonne Evers: Italian

### YOUTH GROUP MEETING – THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hey everyone! The March meeting for the Youth Group will be this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the Youth room downstairs. We will have a devotion on why there are so many special days in Lent, a game we haven't played yet, and snacks (of course)! We hope everyone can come!

### 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

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Tyler Hinton  
Acolyte: William Huth  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

### **THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Ken & Laurie Knutson, Frank & Jenn Jeffries  
Acolytes: Gabriella Jeffries & Mackenzie Krausz  
Altar Guild: Gail Frey  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	Lenten Meal	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	LWML Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Kitchen Cleaning	9:00 AM - Noon
	Puzzle Night	6:00 PM
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