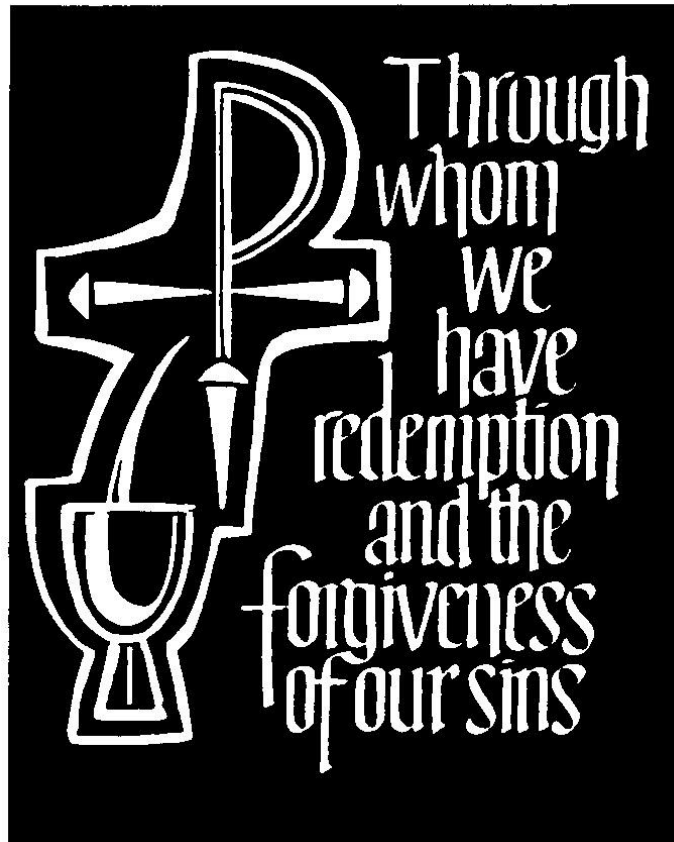


Zion Lutheran Church  
Mascoutah, Illinois  
March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



*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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## Electronic Devices

Kindly silence and set aside all cell phones and other electronic devices as you enter the sanctuary for worship. This helps create a quiet, reverent space where all may focus on the Word of God without distraction. Thank you for your cooperation.

## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Merciful God, as we draw near to the cross of Your Son, turn our hearts toward You. Create in us clean hearts, renew our faith, and lead us in true repentance. Fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, that in His suffering we may see Your love and, in His cross, find our hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

### *Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life*

The illness and death of Lazarus happened “that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “for the nation” and gather “into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “unbind him, and let him go” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “submit to God’s law,” nor could we “please God” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “he condemned sin” in His own flesh so “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

Prelude

Chorale from ‘Finlandia’

arr. Laurence Lyon

Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

- 1 **Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 **Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**
- 3 **Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay From His own fullness all He takes away.**
- 4 **Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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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 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**C** **is the death of His saints.**  
**P** I love the LORD, because He has heard  
**C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**  
**P** Because He inclined His ear to me,  
**C** **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**  
**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
**C** **I suffered distress and anguish.**  
**P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
**C** **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**  
**P** For You have delivered my soul from death,  
**C** **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**  
**P** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**C** **is the death of His saints.**

### Gloria Patri



## 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 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. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.” Then He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir**

**The Prayer**

**Tom Fettke**

**Epistle**

*Romans 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,





- 4 **Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.**
- 5 **They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.**
- 6 **In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**
- 7 **Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!**

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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.

Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, bless Matthew, our Synod president; Heath, our district president; and Joel, our pastor whom You have sent to prophesy Your Word to us, that Your Spirit's breath would enter us and we may live forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, soften the hearts of Your people in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O great Redeemer, we hope in You, for with You there is steadfast love and redemption. We cry to You on behalf of those suffering affliction. Assure them that their iniquities have been washed away in Christ and their sins forgiven in His blood. Grant them healing and relief from their burdens, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, You have shown us Your great mercy through the death of Your Son. May all who partake of His Supper come with repentant and humble hearts to taste the body and blood of Christ, which was given and shed for our life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, Your Son is the resurrection and the life, in whom all the dead will rise and through whom Your elect will live eternally in Your presence. Give comfort to all who mourn, that they might not grieve as

those who have no hope but as those whose hope is the crucified and risen One. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### In Our Prayers this Week:

Reed Hollenkamp, Dick Bogue, Kyrielle Corey, and Liam Hatcher, 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:

O Lord, God almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through 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

LSB 192

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.

**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

LSB 195

**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

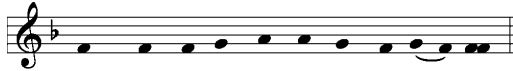
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of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

LSB 197



**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

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

*LSB 575*

- 1 **My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain**
- ref **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**
- 2 **When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**
- 3 **His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**
- 4 **When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

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Hymn

**Christ, the Life of All the Living**

*LSB 420*

- 1 **Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 2 **Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 3 **Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 4 **Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 5 **Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 6 **Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 7 **Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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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

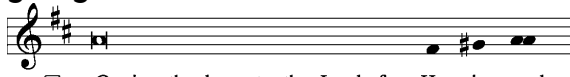
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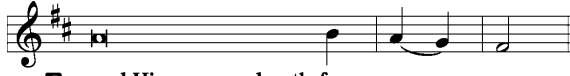
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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

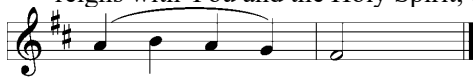


**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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

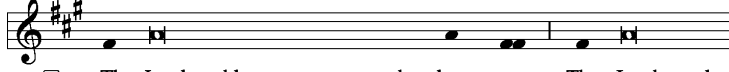
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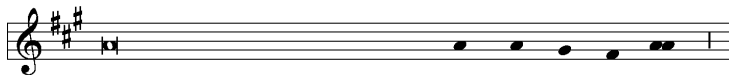
**A** Bless we the Lord.



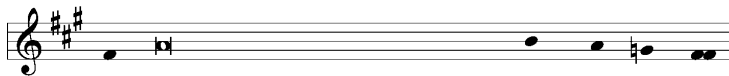
**G** Thanks be to God.



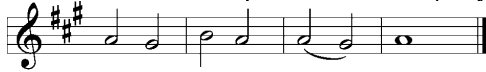
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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****Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***LSB 686*

- 1** Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2** Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3** Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4** Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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**Postlude****Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing****arr. Burkhardt****Acknowledgments**

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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 Ken & Laurie Knutson, Frank & Jenn Jeffries**
- Mar 29 Harry Bailey, Tom Hinton, Pat Lange, & Dustin Pannier
- Apr 5 Ken & Gail Frey, Jen Lara, & Alex Tubbs
- Apr 12 Randy Thomsen, Jon Robinson, Geoff Phillips, & Jeff Fick
- Apr 19 Mike & Angie Twenhafel, Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer
- Apr 26 David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro

### YOUTH GROUP MEETING - TONIGHT

Hey everyone! The March meeting for the Youth Group will be tonight 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!

### THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES

Thank you to everyone who helped clean kitchen cabinets yesterday morning. It is greatly appreciated!!

### THANK YOU TO DEB HECK

A big thank you to Deb Heck for the creation of our new beautiful advent banners on each side of the cross! They are amazing!!

### TRUSTEES ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

Trustees are looking for someone who would be willing to replace the trim around all three garage doors at the parsonage. They are in poor condition. If you know someone who would work with you as a team, that would be great too! We would just appreciate the help with this project. We are also looking for someone or a few individuals willing to weed/feed the church lawn. If you could help with these projects, please let Andy Sax, Gail Frey, Frank Jeffries, or Mark Hatcher know, and they will assist you in getting things set up. Thank you!

### LENTEN MEALS

The last Lenten meal will be served before the Midweek Lenten Service this Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 6:30. Choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00, and the evening worship service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Mar 25 Dan & LaVonne Evers: Italian

### 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

### 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

### **WISPER INTERNET BLOOD DRIVE – MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for a blood drive at Wisper Internet on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment and use the word "Wisper" to search for the correct drive location to make your appointment! Our favorite HR team will have the SNACKS!

### **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD! – LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT**

Join us April 15-16 for a Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton IL. Registration Fee for workshops, meals, & entertainment is \$135/person. Registration is available online at [www.SIDLCMS.org](http://www.SIDLCMS.org). You must make your own reservations with Pere Marquette Lodge. Because the park and its facilities are so popular, the cut-off date for reduced rate rooms and cabins held for this retreat is April 1st. Make your lodging reservations by calling 618-786-2331 or by mail at Pere Marquette Lodge (13653 Lodge Blvd. Grafton, IL 62037). When you make your reservation, tell them it is for "The Lutheran Older Adult Retreat" room block so you can access the reduced rate.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION**

We live in an "I can do it myself" culture. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. It may very well be that part of your planning has included insurance. Those insurance needs change during different eras of life. Past insurance plans to guard against potential disasters, might now provide great inheritance opportunities for family, or even a charitable gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in conversations with your insurance representative to make sure your insurance policies are coordinated in your plans. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfn.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfn.org).

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're picking up with chapter 32! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through the book of Numbers. This week's studies will take us through chapters 26-29. Join us this Wednesday for the final broadcast of our Lent service from Peace Lutheran here in St. Louis (3/25 at 11 a.m.). On Concord Matters this Saturday (3/28 at 10 a.m.), we'll be concluding our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as discussed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

### **EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...**

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Speaking Truth to Power; The 98th Academy Awards; Leisure & Love of Neighbor; Philippians 4:8: "Think on These Things;" Reaching Out to Gen Z Women and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

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

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family in celebration of Taylor Crismon's birthday.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales  
Acolytes: Sean Spicer  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 29**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson  
Offering Ushers: Harry Bailey, Tom Hinton, Pat Lange, & Dustin Pannier  
Acolytes: James Trame & Bristol Sax  
Altar Guild: Candy Andres & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

**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  
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  
Preschool Parent's Morning Out 9:00 – 11:30 AM  
Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM  
Sat. Annual Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM  
Sun. **Palm Sunday**  
Confirmation Class 8:30 AM  
Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM  
Worship DS IV w/communion 10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 15:** Sunday: 129  
Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 5 Sunday School: 23

**ATTENDANCE MARCH 18:** Wednesday: 51