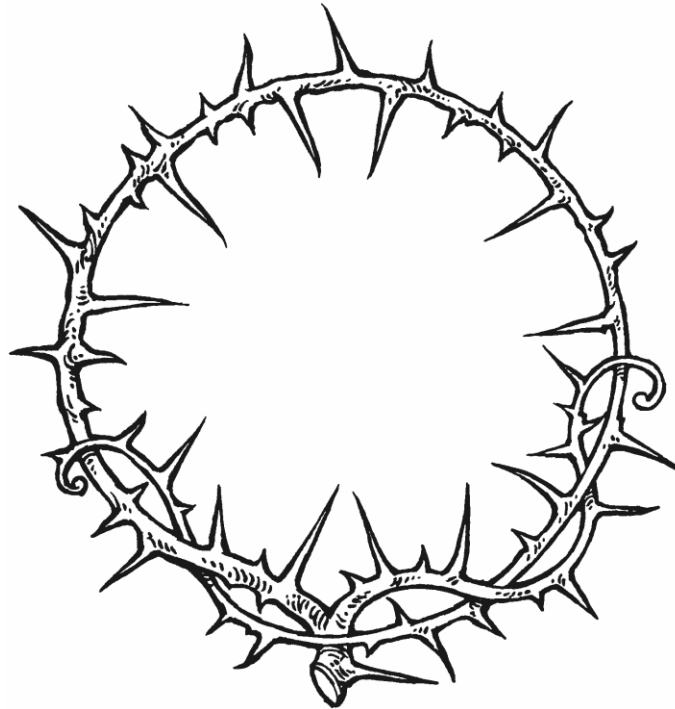


**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**March 4, 2026**  
*2nd Lent Midweek Service*



*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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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.

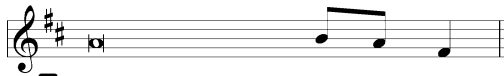
# Vespers

*Stand*

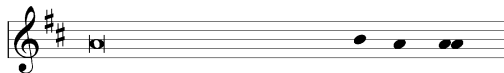
## Opening Versicles *(Use Lent Response)*



**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 62:1-6*

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- P** How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- C** **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.**
- P** They take pleasure in falsehood.
- C** **They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**  
**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*

- 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.**
- 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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**First Reading***Hebrews 2:11-18*

For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”

And again,

“I will put My trust in Him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given Me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading***Mark 1:9-13*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Passion Reading***Mark 14:32-52*

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

They went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, “Abba, Father, all things are

possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.” And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard.” And when He came, he went up to Him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed Him. And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” And they all left Him and fled.

And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

**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 1-3)

- 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.

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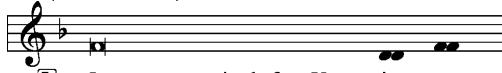
### Sermon

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



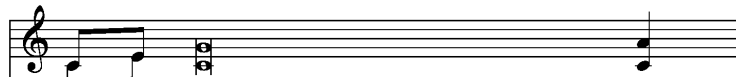
**G** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



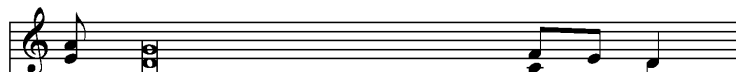
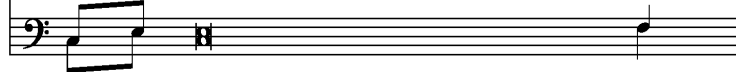
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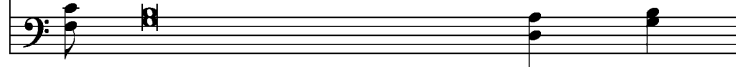
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



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 blessèd.  
 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** Lord Jesus, You did not visit this created world to show Your power over it. Rather, it was done for us fallen creatures, along with everything You endured and all that You experienced. Grant us such an overwhelming sense of gratitude that we think, speak, and live each day as Your true brothers and sisters. 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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the 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.

**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.

### Hymn

### The Day Thou Gavest

LSB 886

- 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping, And never rests by day or night.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking Thy saints beneath the western skies,  
And hour by hour, as day is breaking, Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.

**5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

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## **Done for Us**

God's character, His nature, is self-giving love. Everything Jesus does, He does "for us." This phrase will be introduced this week in the series hymn. *Pro nobis*, or "for us," appears again and again in the series hymn. Jesus is baptized, fasts, is tempted, overcomes temptation, and, in doing so, begins His work of undoing the power of the devil (Mark 1:9–13). It is especially worth noting that because Jesus suffered when tempted, He can "help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). He not only helps us in our weakness, but His love for us extends all the way into the grave.

## **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 4 Timmermans

Mar 11 Pizza

Mar 18 Men's Club: Taco Salad

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

### **SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY, 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.

### **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.

**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!

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton  
Acolytes: Benjamin Pannier  
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Sound Tech: Tyler Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Jon & Cary Robinson, Mark & Mary Kay Krausz  
Acolytes: Cole Wambold & Savannah Murphy  
Altar Guild: Dawn & Phoebe Corey  
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.	Church Council	6:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Family Movie – “Turbo”	2:30 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM