

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Youth Confirmation

I know
my
sheep,
and
mine
know
me.



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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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 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

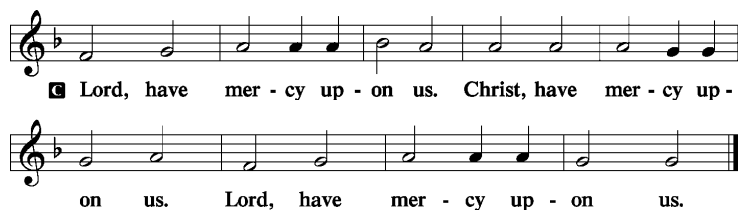
- P** I am the good shepherd.
C **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**
P Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
P Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
C **let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**
P For the Lord is a great God,
C **and a great King above all gods.**
P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
P For He is our God,
C **and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**
P I am the good shepherd.
C **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

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

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with Thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of

Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord

Carl Stein

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

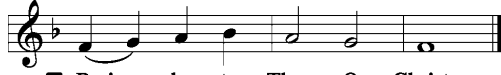


[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came

before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon

On this Confirmation Weekend, we are reminded that the Christian life is lived in the midst of spiritual battle, where Satan seeks to deceive and draw us away from Christ through temptation and doubt. Yet Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the one true Door who guards and keeps His people, granting forgiveness, life, and salvation to all

who trust in Him. Strengthened by His Word and Sacraments, we are gathered together as His Church—to encourage, forgive, and care for one another. Secure in Christ, we live joyfully under His care and are sent out to share His love with the world.

Rite of Youth Confirmation

LSB 272

(Due to the fact that this is a worship service, held in God's House, conducted before His Altar, we respectfully request that no flash photographs be taken during the Confirmation. Thank you for respecting the reverence of worship.)
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Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Loving Father, Your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His flock to Himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may receive our portion in His abundant life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, bestow the gift of Christ's wisdom and tenderness upon all who are called to shepherd the souls of Your people. Teach believers everywhere to receive their pastors as a gift from You and to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, hear our prayers for all Christian homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness; strengthen all parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unashamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Author of life, You gather us together in the fellowship of Christ and His apostolic Word and so lead us to intercede for one another in every need. Hear our prayers for the Church and for the world. Work by Your mercy for their good now and eternally, and add to our number those who are being saved, until You bring us to the day when we will rest eternally in Your safekeeping. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, You have promised to prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies and to fill our cup of salvation to overflowing. Bless all who receive the Sacrament at this altar this day, that even amid sin, death and the devil, Your goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our lives, and we may dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Emily Wambold, Dawn Ahner, Marsha Baro, Terry Twenhafel, Janice Conklin, Ray Kemezys, and Dustin Pannier, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Rylan Ganey, William Huth, Max Lara, Waylon Neumann, and Bristol Sax, as they are confirmed in their Christian faith.

Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

Others who have requested our prayers: Sharon Doeding

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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

C 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


P 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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

LSB 197

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.



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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

ref You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
 Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
 So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. Refrain
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude
 That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. Refrain
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?

- Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
- 4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
- 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. Refrain

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Hymn **Thy Word Is a Lamp** *LSB 973*

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. Refrain
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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Hymn **I Am Jesus' Little Lamb** *LSB 740*

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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Stand

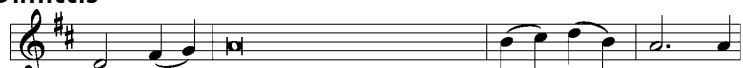
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

Musical score for Benedicamus & Benediction. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are: "Bless we the Lord.", "Thanks be to God.", "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.", and "A-men, a-men, a-men." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Sit

Hymn

Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692

- 1 Praise to You and adoration, Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.**
- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.**

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Postlude

Freu dich sehr

arr. Ken Kosche

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Zion joyfully celebrates the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:00 AM Divine Service today. We give thanks for the five youth being confirmed this year: Rylan Ganey, William Huth, Max Lara, Waylon Neumann, and Bristol Sax. With gratitude to God, we welcome these faithful young people into full communicant membership in our congregation. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in Christ.

Here are the confirmation passages for our confirmands:

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR RYLAN CHRISTOPHER GANEY

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR WILLIAM ROBERT HUTH

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR MAX ANTHONY LARA

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Exodus 15:2

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR WAYLON OLIVER NEUMANN

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

CONFIRMATION PASSAGE FOR BRISTOL LYNN SAX

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

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 David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro**
- May 3 Ruth Rincker, Linda Hoskins, LaVonne Evers, & Debbie Root
- May 10 Mike, Amanda, Michael, & Rylan Ganey
- May 17 Ella Sax, Bristol Sax, Lily McDaniel, & Chloe Pannier
- May 24 Carl Sherrill, Mark Hatcher, Jon & Isaac Robinson
- May 31 Scott & Sean Spicer, Harry Bailey, & Randy Thomsen

CHURCH OFFICE COMPUTER UPGRADE

The church office computer will be upgraded in the coming weeks to help us better care for and protect important church records. As part of this update, individual user accounts will be set up for anyone who needs access. Each account will be connected to a committee or role so that access is appropriate and information remains secure. This is part of good, modern cyber hygiene and business practices that helps protect church data and ensures only the right people have access to the right information. If you think you'll need access after April 30th, please contact the church office or Geoff Phillips with your name, your role, and the committee you serve on. Once your account is ready, you'll receive simple instructions to sign in, including how to access your files, print, etc. Thank you for your patience as we make this improvement.

SUMMER SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC NEEDED!

We are in the process of putting together the special offering music schedule for the months of May through August. If you are willing to sing or play a musical instrument for special offering music, please contact Nancy Peterson at (618) 973-8169. Thank you in advance!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need a few substitute Sunday School teachers! There are times when our teachers have a conflict or have an illness and we need someone to fill in for them. This is a Great Opportunity for you to use your talents and share the Bible with our youth. Another heads up concerning Summer Sunday School—We will be asking for members to take a week, take a topic, and give our teachers a much-needed break. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help Zion.

MASCOUTAH VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Mascoutah Volunteer Fair will be held on May 13th from 5:00–7:00 PM at St. John UCC Church Parking Lot (55 W. Church St.) Local organizations are invited to connect with potential volunteers—free of charge! To reserve a spot, contact Rachael Bearth at 618-719-9702 by May 6. Bring your own table, chairs, and display (no electricity). Food trucks available. Follow *Mascoutah Family Fun Finders* on Facebook for updates.

SHARE IN THE MIRACLE – UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DINNER

You're invited to be part of a true miracle – the Miracle of Unity! Join us on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 PM at the Regency Conference Center, 400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269. Invite a table of eight (adults only). There is no cost to attend but reservations are needed. An opportunity to make a financial contribution will be presented. For more info, please contact Rev. Aaron Dickerson at 618-874-6605 or aaron-dickerson@att.net.

LCMS FOUNDATION

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Letting your family know about your estate gift plans is especially crucial regarding the charitable desires you have. Even if you choose not to share all the details of the inheritance you plan to give them, you should communicate the list of ministries you desire to support and why. This way, those family members will have clear insight into the details included in your estate plan, instead of heads full of questions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in sorting through which conversations you want to have. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE

Concordia the Reformer Seminary has the largest group of residential students to date. We currently have ten students from Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Venezuela. In addition, two Haitian men who were previously residential students are currently unable to leave Haiti due to visa red tape. They continue to study from a distance. Lord of the harvest, we give You thanks for the work You are accomplishing through Concordia the Reformer Seminary. We praise You for the growing number of residential and distance students from many nations, whom You are gathering and preparing to proclaim the Gospel throughout Latin America and beyond. We especially commend to Your care these faithful men as they persevere through the final weeks of their studies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Sharathon 2026 is finally here, and you don't want to miss out on the fun! Join us from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd for live programming, giveaways, and more! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit kfue.org/sharathon. It is your support that makes our work possible!

WEEKLY BACH CANTATAS....

Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103, "You Will Weep and Wail." You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Confirmation, praying that God's Word will ever be "a lamp to their feet and a light to their path" (Psalm 119:105).

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales
Offering Ushers: David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro
Acolytes: Cole Wambold & Savannah Murphy
Altar Guild: Cheryl Sax
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MAY 3

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton
Offering Ushers: Ruth Rincker, Linda Hoskins, LaVonne Evers, & Debbie Root
Acolytes: Viviana Jeffries
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun. ***Youth Confirmation***
Confirmation Questioning 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class 8:45 AM
Worship DS III w/communion 10:00 AM
Wed. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Fri. Church Office Closed
Zion Parent's Morning Out 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Senior Meal Delivery 10:30 AM
Sun. 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

ATTENDANCE APRIL 19: Sunday: 130
Adult Bible Class: 14 High School: 6 Sunday School: 23