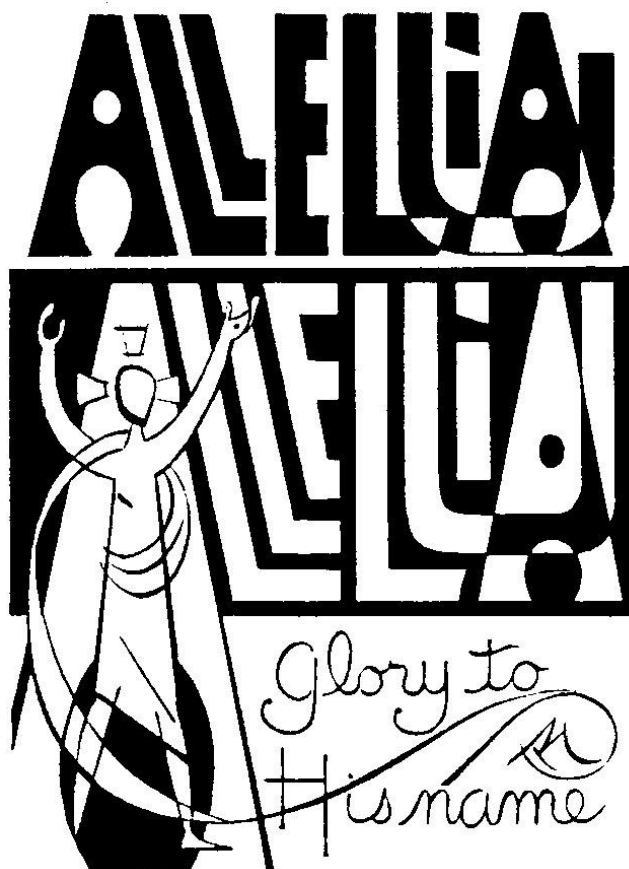


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet
C **and a light to my path.**
P Forever, O Lord, Your word
C **is firmly fixed in the heavens.**
P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
C **You have established the earth, and it stands fast.**
P By Your appointment they stand this day,
C **for all things are Your servants.**
P If Your law had not been my delight,
C **I would have perished in my affliction.**
P I will never forget Your precepts,
C **for by them You have given me life.**
**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.**
P Your word is a lamp to my feet
C **and a light to my path.**

Kyrie

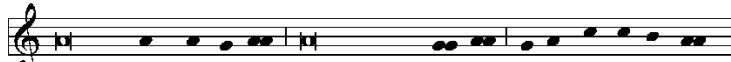
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



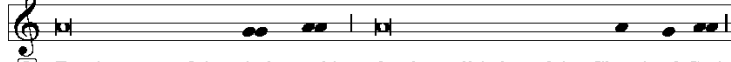
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy.



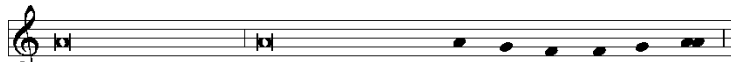
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy.



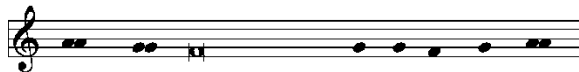
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A-men.

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



C Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and



hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth,

does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for

“‘In Him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Built on the Rock

Gordon Young

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

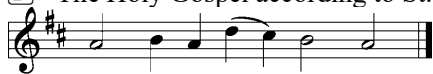
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

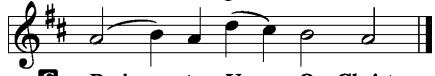


[Jesus said:] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He

will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

(Stanzas 1-5)

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!**
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.**
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.**
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.**
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."**

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Sermon

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that just as God once used the floodwaters to judge the world and yet save Noah and his family in the ark, so now He uses the waters of Holy Baptism to save His people. Though the world remains filled with sin—and we ourselves stand under God's judgment—God, in His mercy, has provided salvation through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Baptism, we are joined to Christ, forgiven of our sins, and brought safely into the ark of His Church, where He continues to preserve and strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments. Therefore, we need not fear, for God has claimed us as His own—Baptism now saves you—and this saving promise is ours to share with a world in need of Christ.

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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.

Prayer of the Church

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

O Lord, You give us life in Christ. Grant that, having been strengthened by Your gifts, we may gladly tell others of the hope that we have in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, let Your Spirit be at work through Matthew, our Synod president; Heath, our district president; and our pastor(s), that as they proclaim Your Word, He may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all Your Son has said to us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Grant Your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that the feet of this congregation and its catechumens may not slip into sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of You before the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still You sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listening Lord, You always wait upon the prayers of Your people and attend to their cries. Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in Your promise to answer us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we give You thanks for the salvation and life You give us through Christ Jesus. You do not leave Your people as orphans but strengthen the penitent with the body and blood of Your Son. Help us to receive what You offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Ivar Peterson, Heather Brand, Robert Corey, Joseph Rueter III, Ben Eatherton, Lionel Timmerman, and David Hinrichs, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.
Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.
Others who have requested our prayers: Carrie Kunkel & Bob Eldridge

We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

[Please take a moment to complete an attendance sheet in the attendance book. If you are visiting with us, we kindly ask that you include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please note it at the top of your sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177



P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, 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 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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.”

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.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 180



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- 1 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**
- 2 **Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?**
- 3 **Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4 **Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**
- 5 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

Hymn**O Living Bread from Heaven**

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.**
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.**
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.**
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.**

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Hymn**Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying**

LSB 597

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.**
- 2 In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.**
- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.**
- 4 Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.**
- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.**

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*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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - - - men.

Sit

Hymn

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!**
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!**
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!**
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

- 4 **Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!**
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

- 5 **There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!**
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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Postlude **Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying** **arr. Jeff Blersch**

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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** **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

In the coming weeks, the church office computer will be upgraded to better support and protect our important church records. As part of this process, individual user accounts will be created for board members and others who need access. Each account will be linked to a specific role or committee to ensure appropriate access and maintain data security. This update reflects good, modern practices for safeguarding information and ensuring that access is granted thoughtfully and responsibly. During the transition, the current computer will remain available in the office. If you believe you will need access, please contact the church office or Geoff Phillips with your name, role, and committee. Once your account is set up, you will receive simple instructions for signing in, accessing files, printing, and more. Thank you for your patience as we make this improvement.

VBS PLANNING MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17th

The Board of Christian Education will be leading a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 17th after church service. We will also be hosting/providing lunch for Team VBS; those who signed up to lead, teach, or help/support VBS this summer. Thank you for joining TEAM VBS!

MAY YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Hey Y'all!! It's finally May which means we have a busy meeting. The meeting will happen on Sunday, May 31st (to avoid conflict with Memorial Day plans of youth) from 6:30 to 8 pm. We'll have the normal devotion and snacks, but we will also be having officer elections and a service project. We hope everyone can come!

YOUTH GROUP OFFICER ELECTIONS

Since it's May, it's time for Officer elections for the Youth Group! Any youth who are incoming Freshman for the 26-27 school year (Just completed 8th grade this year) or older can run. If you are interested or need more information, please find an existing officer (Tyler Hinton, Lily McDaniel, & Ella Sax) at church or contact one of us! (Tyler: 618.980.8286) (Lily: 618.671.0289) (Ella: 618.905.1616)

SERVICE PROJECT DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our youth group is organizing a homeless bag service project to support individuals in need within our community. We are collecting donations such as toiletries, snacks, and other essential items in a bin located in the narthex. These contributions will be assembled into care bags during an upcoming youth group meeting, where volunteers will work together to prepare and organize the supplies. This project is a meaningful way for us to serve others and make a positive impact through small but important acts of kindness.

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 – THIS WEDNESDAY

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.

41st ANNUAL SPRING FEST – THIS FRIDAY

The Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 41st Annual Spring Fest! Join us at the Mill Stage on Friday, May 15th, from 11 AM to 10 PM for a full day of fun, entertainment, and activities the whole family will enjoy.

MASCOUTAH FD COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, June 14, 2026, the Mascoutah Fire Department will host its first community Open House and Block Party at the firehouse. From 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, families will enjoy live fire demo's, a vehicle extrication demonstration, fire extinguisher training, up close views of our trucks and boats, etc. There will be a kid's zone with bounce houses, food trucks, and music into the evening. The day begins at 11:00 AM with a firefighter memorial dedication. Please join us!

SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE

In 2016 Rev. Matthew Harrison interviewed Rev. Ted Krey, in “My Church” regarding the prayer that 70 missionaries could be sent out into the Latin American field. Ten years later, we have built a seminary in the Dominican Republic which has produced 32 pastoral graduates and 146 deaconesses. Our missionary team has grown to 45. Thanks be to God for His blessings! Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your

abundant mercies, for it is by Your grace alone that Your Church is built and sustained. We rejoice in the work You have accomplished over these past ten years, establishing a seminary in the Dominican Republic and raising up servants for Your harvest. We thank You for the 32 pastors You have formed to faithfully preach Christ crucified and administer Your holy Sacraments, and for the 146 deaconesses who serve in mercy, bearing witness to Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LCMS FOUNDATION

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnf.org.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: Tune in for "Spring into the Psalms" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll study Psalms 56, 64, 72, 82, and 94. We're continuing our study of the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Join us for chapters 3-5! Stay tuned for our next study, beginning next Monday, May 18th! Pastor Booe will be leading us in a study of Paul's longest epistle: the Book of Romans! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfue.org!

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...

You're invited to attend the 2026 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference, Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist, LCMS President Matt Harrison, Megan Basham of The Daily Wire, Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever, Erin Hawley of Alliance Defending Freedom and YouTuber Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Registration is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers adorning the Lord's altar are offered to the glory of God, in loving memory of Mary Lou Klingelhoef, and in joyful celebration and thanksgiving for all mothers.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson
Offering Ushers: Mike, Amanda, Michael, & Rylan Ganey
Acolytes: Aaron Dietrich & William Huth
Altar Guild: Dawn & Phoebe Corey
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, MAY 17

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales
Offering Ushers: Ella Sax, Bristol Sax, Lily McDaniel, & Chloe Pannier
Acolytes: Gabriella Jeffries, Mackenzie Krausz, & William Huth (crucifer)
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	Echo Deadline	
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Thurs.	Last Day of Preschool	
	Preschool Graduation	6:30 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM
	VBS Planning Meeting after church service	

ATTENDANCE MAY 3: Sunday: 98

Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 5 Sunday School: 18