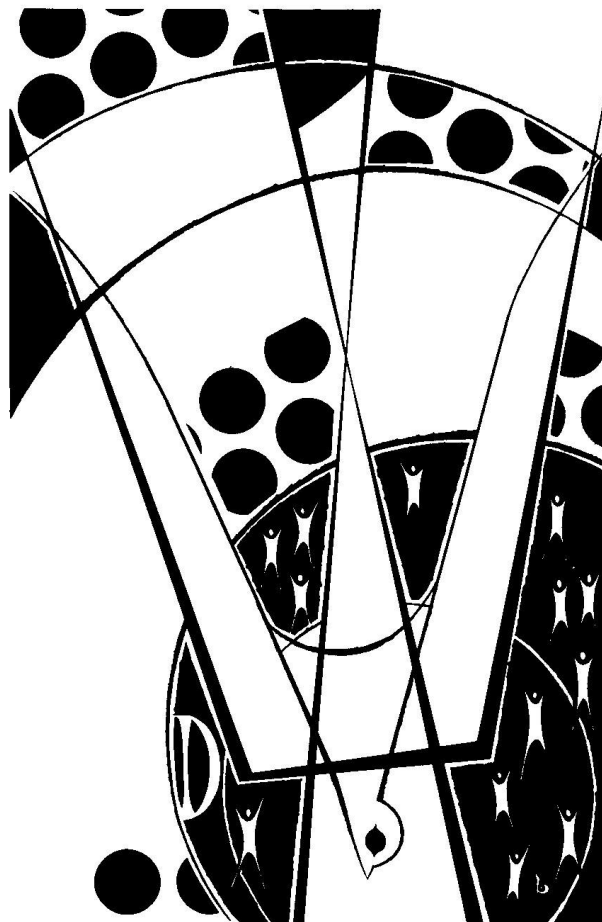


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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.



Pastor: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Church Secretary: Robin Phillips
Choir Director Team: Josh and Nancy Peterson

Church Office Phone: 618-566-7345
Pastor Dietrich Cell: 618-978-5400
Office Hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Email: ChurchOffice@ZionMascoutah.org
Pastor Dietrich email: revdietrich@aol.com or Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org
Web site: www.ZionMascoutah.org
Find us at @ZionMascoutah on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Electronic Devices

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to silence and set aside all phones and electronic devices so we can fully focus on worship and the Word together. Thank you for helping maintain a peaceful environment.

Prayer to Begin Worship

Heavenly Father, when fear and doubt overwhelm us, fix our eyes on Jesus, who comes to us saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Strengthen our faith, receive our worship, and fill us with confidence in Your saving grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

Prelude

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.

Text: Public domain

Stand

Holy Baptism

(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 Baptism. Thank you for respecting the reverence of worship.)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidates while saying:

P Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ☩ forehead and upon your ☩ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

P Is it your intention to serve Warren Robert Kunkel as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R Yes, with the help of God.

P God enable you all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to

Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

When a candidate for Baptism is too young to answer the following questions, the child's parents and sponsors faithfully answer the questions addressed to the child on behalf of the one under their care:

P Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R Yes, I believe.

P Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P Warren Robert Kunkel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Brianna Conrad, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the heads of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Warren Robert Kunkel and Brianna Conrad the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Peace ☩ be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** I sought the LORD, and He answered me
C **and delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** Those who look to Him are radiant,
C **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**
- P** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard Him
C **and saved Him out of all His troubles.**
- P** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,
C **and delivers them.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**
- 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** I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Kyrie

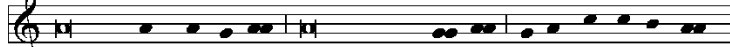
LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



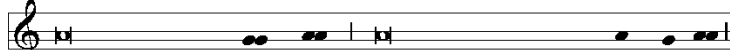
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



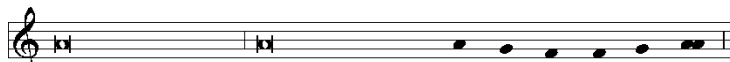
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



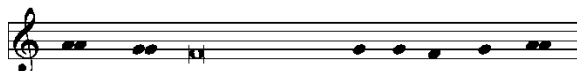
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



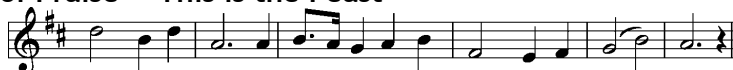
A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



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. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Job 38:4-18

[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
 On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone,
 when the morning stars sang together
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 “Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb,
 when I made clouds its garment
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
 and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
 “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
 and caused the dawn to know its place,
 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
 and the wicked be shaken out of it?
 It is changed like clay under the seal,
 and its features stand out like a garment.
 From the wicked their light is withheld,
 and their uplifted arm is broken.
 “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
 or walked in the recesses of the deep?
 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
 or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
 Declare, if you know all this.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

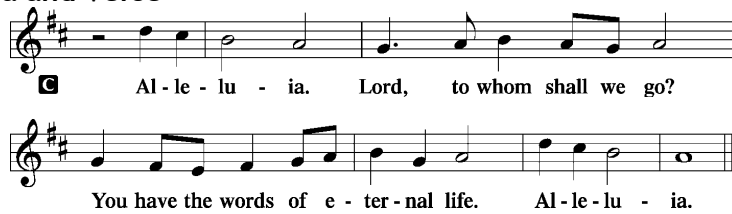
But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what He has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

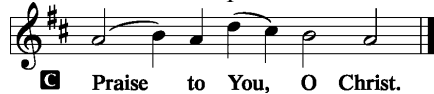
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.



Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 2a O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Sermon

When Peter began to sink beneath the waves, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" In that desperate prayer, we hear our own voices. We too are often overwhelmed by fear, doubt, guilt, and the storms of life. Yet the good news of this Gospel is not the strength of Peter's faith, but the certainty of Christ's saving action. The same Lord who reached out His hand to rescue Peter continues to act for His people today, forgiving sins, strengthening faith, and holding His children fast through His Word and the gifts He freely gives.

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.

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Son by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You send pastors so that we may hear of Your mercy for us. Continue to raise up men to serve. Bless our seminaries with faithful teachers and students, that the Good News may be proclaimed, heard and believed in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless all Christian homes with Your presence. Make them places of peace and refuge in Christ. Strengthen all married couples, that their union as husband and wife might be a reflection of Christ and His Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You stand over all creation. Speak peace to the nations, that war and violence may end. Raise up good and faithful leaders who will act justly and protect the weak, the vulnerable and the unborn from exploitation and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, teach us to make our requests known to You and to be anxious for nothing. Send Your healing hand upon the sick and the suffering. Guard them with Your peace in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, grant that we who come to Your table may receive with faith all that is given to us in the communion of Your body and blood. Let us truly be united in confession even as we are one at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Karen Harstick, Angie Twenhafel, David Hutchinson, Sarah Hutchinson, Cheryl Sax, and Ian Robinson, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.

Warren Kunkel and Brianna Conrad, as they are baptized today.

Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.

Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

Others who have requested our prayers: Ray Kemezys & Dan Evers

O Lord, our God, be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us for the sake of 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 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

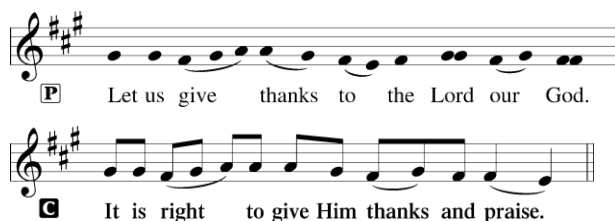
C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of 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.



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 178



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

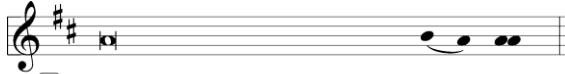
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

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:

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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,**
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.**
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.**
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.**
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.**

Text: Public domain

Hymn

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LSB 715

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

- 2 As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Text: Public domain

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

Text: © 1938 (renewed) Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., admin. Alfred Music. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001344

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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

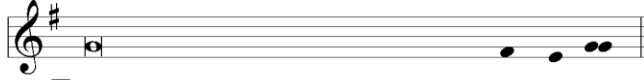
C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is -
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.



Sit

Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001344

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.

LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WE WELCOME WARREN ROBERT KUNKEL AND BRIANNA CONRAD

Congratulations to Eric Kunkel and Brianna Conrad on the birth and rebirth in Baptism of Warren Robert Kunkel. Warren's sponsor is Carrie Kunkel. Congratulations to Brianna Conrad on her rebirth in Baptism. Brianna's sponsor is Eric Kunkel. Welcome Warren and Brianna!

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 & Gail Frey, Tony & Jen Lara**
- Aug 16 Laurie Knutson, Becky Wachtman, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix
- Aug 23 Joe & Katie Crismon, Darren & Lindsay Murphy
- Aug 30 Alan & Jenny Kneschke, Mark & Chris Hatcher

VOTER'S MEETING – THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th

Zion's Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held this Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend and participate. Your presence and input are valued as we make decisions together as a church family.

AUGUST YOUTH GROUP MEETING

With the start of school, the youth group will be having a devotion about how to show your faith in school at our meeting on Sunday, August 23rd from 6:30-8. We will have snacks and a game. Anyone in 5th grade through senior year is eligible to come. We hope to see all possible youth there!

YOUTH GROUP MUM, WREATH, & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

The Annual Mum Fundraiser is BACK! The youth group will be selling mums this year along with Christmas wreaths and poinsettias all from Ahner's Florist. Mums are \$12 each, wreaths are \$25, and poinsettias are \$15. Please contact a member of the Youth Group to purchase any of these. If you have any questions, please contact Ella or Rhea Sax. (618.905.1616 - Ella) (618.558.0515 - Rhea)

CLOSING OF THE TIME CAPSULE

Zion will celebrate Friendship Sunday and Rally Day on Sunday, August 30th. We will also be closing the time capsule and want to remind all members interested in submitting something for the time capsule to have that prepared/ready by August 30th. Consider writing a short letter/note about your family, maybe what Zion means to you, pictures of various church activities, or anything else you can think of that would be interesting. The Sunday School children have been busy working on projects to include, so start thinking about what you can add to the time capsule. In another 25 to 50 years Zion's members will enjoy seeing what we included. If you have any questions, please see Deb Heck.

ZION MUSIC ACADEMY

Registration is now open for the fall semester! Zion Music Academy offers private music lessons in piano, voice, trumpet, violin, and several other instruments. Our faculty of instructors are excited to teach your student in a Christ-honoring environment. To register, or for more information, follow the Zion Music Academy tab at zionmascoutah.org or contact Cary at zionmascoutahmusicacademy@gmail.com.

HELP SEND HOPE AROUND THE WORLD!!

Our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will begin their journey soon. Before they can be delivered, each box needs a \$10 shipping donation. Would you consider sponsoring the shipping of one or more shoeboxes? Your generosity helps deliver not only gifts, but also God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. Thank you for being a blessing.

WHAT DOES MASCOUTAH HOMECOMING MEAN TO YOU?

Jeff Harris is a Mascoutah resident creating a documentary for the 100th Mascoutah Homecoming. Got old photos or videos? Want to tell your story on camera? Connect with Jeff and help preserve the moments that make Homecoming unforgettable. There will be an open recording session on Sunday, September 20th from 3-5 PM at the Mascoutah Heritage Museum. You can contact Jeff Harris for more information or any questions, email: homecoming100LLC@gmail.com, text: (314) 282-7244, or website: homecoming100.mobirisesite.com.

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S BUS TRIP!

Mark your calendars for September 24 for this day full of fellowship and learning. Participants will meet by the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights, park, and board a bus to the west. After a brunch at Roosters, the group will continue on and tour the Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum in St. Louis. Cost is \$50, which includes the bus trip and the fee for the museum. (Participants pay for their own brunch meal.) The bus boards at 8:30 a.m. and arrives back around 4 p.m. Registration is available online and via paper form. For more information and registration, contact the district office at 618-234-4767.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Join the Concordia Seminary Guild for its annual luncheon featuring the program, *Growing Beauty: Tending the Grounds, Serving the Mission*, presented by Gayle Zollman, Coordinator, Campus Grounds. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall, followed by the luncheon at noon. Cost: \$22 per person. Registration deadline: August 28, 2026. Register online at csl.edu/sem-guild-luncheon or call (314) 952-8202 for more information.

LCMS FOUNDATION

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Where do I start? The Lifetime Plan for Giving begins with a survey that enables you to organize all your information from family to finances to goals the Lord has laid on your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can guide you through this process. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church who willingly gave their time and talents to serve in the Dominican Republic. We praise You for the opportunity they had to learn more about the work of the seminary and to support its mission through their labor. Continue to raise up joyful servants who gladly use their gifts for the building up of Your Church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll take a look at chapters 15 and 16. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we're starting a brand new series! Tune in as we begin with the book of Obadiah. On Concord Matters this week (8/15 at 10 a.m.), we are delving into the Formula of Concord with a discussion of how it came to be! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW...

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: Breaking Free from the Burden of Shame, Family Discipleship, Understanding Burnout, The Roots of "Spiritual But Not Religious" and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Baptism.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Pinky Ahner
Sound Tech: Cohen Bales
Offering Ushers: Ken & Gail Frey, Tony & Jen Lara
Acolytes: Kyrielle Corey & Luke Dietrich
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 16

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton
Offering Ushers: Laurie Knutson, Becky Wachtman, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix
Acolyte: Viktor Hatcher
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

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
Thurs.	Voter's Meeting	7:00 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

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 2: Sunday: 96

Adult Bible Class: 19 High School: 2 Sunday School: 9