

Sunday Morning Worship
March 6, 2022



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INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Arr. Hansen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #320

The Glory of These Forty Days

KYRIE Red hymnal page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal page 139

Glory to God

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

R: ¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall

take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

R: ^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Luke 4:1-13**

C: Glory to you, O Lord

P: ¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior
and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive
Holy communion.)*

BLESSING

P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and
strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and
always.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #504

A Mighty Fortress

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through
serving others."**
P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Doug & Denise Jacobs in honor of
our grandchildren's birthdays.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor
Greeters
Reader

Dale Schaefer
Erma & Chuck Swanson
Linda Holt

Total 2/19 & 2/20

Unified Giving: \$11,255.00

Building Fund: \$ 235.00

Total Attendance 2/26 & 2/27: 75

Unified Giving: \$4,141.80

Building Fund: \$ 225.00

Sunday School Attendance 2/20:

Adults: 17

Youth: 6 Children: 8

Sunday School Attendance 2/27:

Adults: 13

Youth: 2 Children: 9

Ash Wednesday Attendance 3/2: 43**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: Eagles Wings has been offering equine assisted activities and therapies since 2006 on Washington Road, north of Troy. They have served over 500 children and adults with a variety of disabilities in Miami County.

COMMUNION IN MARCH

Saturday, March 26

Sunday, March 20

THE COMMUNICATIONS & WELCOMING COMMITTEE will meet on Tues., March 8th at 5:00 p.m.

BUNCO NIGHT will take place on Saturday, March 12th at 6:00 PM. Join us for a night of Bunco. Pizza will be served. Please bring your drink and a snack to share. Donations will be available to help defray the cost of the pizza.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—1 Pint can save 3 lives!

On **Wednesday, March 16** from 1 pm to 7 pm Zion will host the Red Cross in a blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall. COVID Antibody testing is being completed on all donations.

The American Red Cross has excellent social distancing and sanitizing protocols in place. Down load the American Red Cross Blood Donor App or jump online at redcrossblood.org to schedule your time. Please see the flyer hanging in the hallway as you exit the fellowship hall.

A MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE will take place on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE— April 9, 2022 - **“The joy of the Lord is your strength”**
The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Northwest Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod present their 10th Annual Spring Gathering here at Zion Lutheran Church. Registration, Exhibits and Hospitality Brunch time from 8:30—10:00 a.m. Opening assembly in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. with presentation at 10:30 a.m. \$5 registration fee will help defray costs incurred. Gathering closes at approximately noon. Watch for more information to follow.

NEW ADDRESS: The move will take place Sat., March 5
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