

March 13, 2022

Second



SUNDAY

IN LENT

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INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* *Arr. A.K. Organ*

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 #324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

KYRIE Red hymnal page 138

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray for 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: **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones *The Journey*
Composer: Arranged by Joseph M. Martin

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

R: ¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

R: ¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13:31-35**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: ³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #613

Thy Holy Wings

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 . . .

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.

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG

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.

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 #724

All Who Love and Serve Your City

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

Jesus I will Ponder Now

Arr. Manz

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dean & Lilo Myers in celebration of their 60th anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	May Fischvogt & Billie Fischer
Reader	Chris Frame

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 43	Total Attendance 3/5 & 3/6: 83
Offering: \$728.00	Unified Giving: \$6,415.00
Building: \$ 50.00	Building Fund: \$ 620.00

Sunday School Attendance 3/6: Adults: 14

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

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH / Charity Auction at the American Legion, Tipp City

WHEN: Tuesday, March 15th

TIME: 7:00 PM

Come, have fun, and support our youth!

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM.

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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