

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

March 5, 2023

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IN LENT

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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a "prayer request" or a "praise report", please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

**INTRODUCTION**—*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      *Variations on an Aeolian Melody—I, II, III*      Arr. Portman

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:**      Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forth days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C:**      **Amen.**

**P:**      Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:**      Holy God,

**C:**      **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

**P:**      Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C:**      **Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #445**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

**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: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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: Susie Gray**    *On the Road to Jerusalem*  
Composer: Joseph Martin

## THE WORD

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

R:     <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

R:     The word of the Lord.

C:     **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

R:     <sup>1</sup>What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to The flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 John 3: 1-17**

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

**P:** <sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him <sup>15</sup>may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer**

**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, 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 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**

*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 WITH 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: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

**HYMN** Red hymnal #660

*Lift High the Cross*

**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. Serve in Love.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Variations on an Aeolian Melody—VII, VIII* Arr. Portman

**In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeter	Katie Sonnanstine
Acolyte	Marissa Kessler
Reader	Chuck Drake
Usher	Chuck & Erma Swanson

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

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by the Dorn family.*

**Total Attendance 2/18/2023 & 2/19/2023: 104**  
Unified Giving: \$2,463.00  
Building Fund: \$ 200.00

**Sunday School Attendance**  
Children: 5 Youth: 5  
Adults: 14

**Ash Wednesday Offering: \$505.00**

**Attendance: 56**

**Total Attendance 2/25/2023 & 2/26/2023: 99**  
Unified Giving: \$ 2,214.00  
Building Fund: \$ 200.00

**Sunday School Attendance**  
Children: 8 Youth: 7  
Adults: 14

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### F.Y.I.

- ⇒ **The Confirmation Class** is meeting after church today to go get pizza in Tipp City. We will be back to church by 1:00 pm for parents to pick up their young folks.
- ⇒ A Lenten mid-week service will be held on **Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 PM** / a light snack will be available.

**PRAYER VIGIL (see insert)** Sunday, March 12th from 11 am-5 pm

### PRAYER CHAIN

Zion has a Prayer Chain that is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well.

To request prayers, email them to [prayers@ziontippcity.org](mailto:prayers@ziontippcity.org). You can also access this through Zion's website [www.ziontippcity.org](http://www.ziontippcity.org).

### MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

**Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center** has existed as a safe haven for youth for more than 140 years in Richmond, Indiana. Please take a green shamrock from the display in our church narthex. Certain items are needed to help the kids at Wernle. **Deadline: March 26, 2023**

Thank you for your generosity. Any questions contact Kathy Groth at 1(937) 216-2071.



## MARCH TIDINGS

Many of the newsletters are not being picked up in the individual boxes and are thrown away. We are going to try something new and make the Tidings available in the back of the church on the table. Please feel free to take a copy so you can stay up to date on the church happenings.

## NEW ADDRESS:

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Findlay, OH 45840

**New e-mail address:** janetaller1951@gmail.com

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, March 6	11:00 AM	Quilting
	6:00 PM	Property Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, March 7	10:00 AM	Quilting
	8:00 PM	AA meets in the basement
Wednesday, March 8	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Mid Week Lenten Service</b>
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, March 11	5:00 PM	Worship / Dinner at Dos Lunas

### ***Daylight Savings Time – Set clocks ahead 1 hour***

Sunday, March 12	9:00 AM	Sunday School Confirmation
	10:00 AM	Worship / Communion

## Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*