

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION
March 12, 2023



Third
SUNDAY
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—*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Arr. Anna Laura Page

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 #335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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 *Death, Where is Your Sting?*
Composer: Lloyd Larson

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

R: ¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

R: ¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we

were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42

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

P: To be read by Pastor Schaefer . . .

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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 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 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 #618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Hobby

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill
Acolyte	Zach Johnson
Reader	Linda Holt Communion Assistant
Usher	Tom & Sharon Knick

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 Tim & Jen Garvic in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary.

Total Attendance 3/4/2023 & 3/5/2023: 98	Sunday School Attendance
Unified Giving: \$17,532.00	Children: 7 Adults: 8
Building Fund: \$ 240.00	Youth & Sponsors: 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER VIGIL (see insert) TODAY from 11 am-5 pm

WOMEN OF ZION will meet this evening at **5:00 pm**.

EASTER FLOWERS can be ordered today thru Sunday, March 19th. Please place your as soon as possible due to the lack availability of some of the plants. Order forms are in today’s bulletin and will be available in the back of the church.

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. You can also access this through Zion's website 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 to return items purchased.** Thank you for your generosity. Any questions contact Kathy Groth at 1(937) 216-2071.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, March 12	5:00 PM	Women of Zion meeting
Monday, March 13	11:00 AM	Quilting
Tuesday, March 14	10:00 AM	Quilting
	5:00 PM	Communications Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
	8:00 PM	AA meets in the basement
Wednesday, March 15	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Saturday, March 18	5:00 PM	Worship
Sunday, March 19	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*