

**Sunday Worship**

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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or 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

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*They Crucified My Lord*

Arr: Shackley

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN Red hymnal #328**

*Restore in Us, O God*

### **KYRIE Red hymnal page 138**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the 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: **O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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      *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*  
Music: Welsh melody Text: Mary Louise Bringle

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

R:      <sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R:      The Word of the Lord.

**C:      Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

R:      <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**C:      <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

R:      <sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C:      <sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

R:      <sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

**C:      <sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

R:      <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

**C:      <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

R:      <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

R: <sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 142**

**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 Gospel according to **John 3:14-21**

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

Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"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 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. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Sally Padgett

**HYMN** Red hymnal #342 *There in God's Garden*  
All v 1&2, Men v 3, Women v 4, All v 5

## **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** (*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.**

### **COMMUNION PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### **SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.)*

#### **AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### **BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN Red hymnal #779

*Amazing Grace*

### 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. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Arr: Williams

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Garvic’s in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

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

### In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Marissa Kessler

Pastor

Sally Padgett

Reader

Brad Kennedy

Communion Assist

Pam Sauls

Greeter

Chuck Swanson

Ushers

John & Jill Greer

**ATTENDANCE 3/2 & 3:** 127

**Sunday School:** Adults 19

**Unified Giving 3/2 & 3:** \$7,500.02

Youth & Kids 4

(Includes a yearly giving lump sum)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NATIONAL QUILTING DAY:** National Quilting Day is Saturday, **March 16th**. Did you know the “recipe” for a Lutheran World Relief quilt has 3 layers? Be sure to look in the conference room before you go up the steps to attend worship that weekend. See the “Quilt Construction” site.

**EASTER GOODIE BAG STUFFING:** Join Jessica Dorn on **March 19th** at 9:30 am at Zion to stuff the Easter goodie bags.









