

Sunday Worship
March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent



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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

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 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say-Impromptu* Arr: Portman

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #319

O Lord, throughout these Forty Days

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**

KYRIE Red hymnal page 138 - from Luke 17:13

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

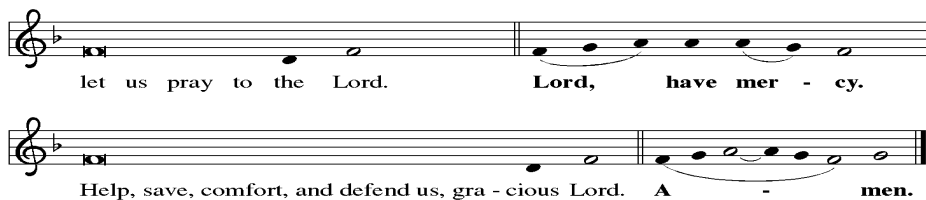
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*
 Text:: Ruth Duck - Donna Kasbohm

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.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

R: ¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

C: ²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

R: ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: ¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

R: ¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: ¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

R: ¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: ¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

R: ¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: ¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

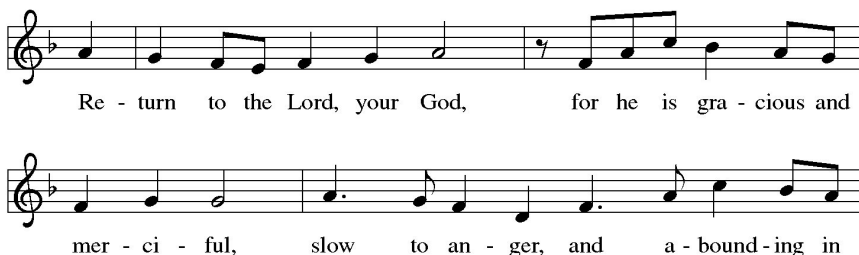
R: ^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, 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 Red hymnal page 142

from Deuteronomy 30:2; Numbers 14:18; Joel 2:13





HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 4:1-13**

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

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 Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple hymnal #922

When We Are Tested

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 . . .

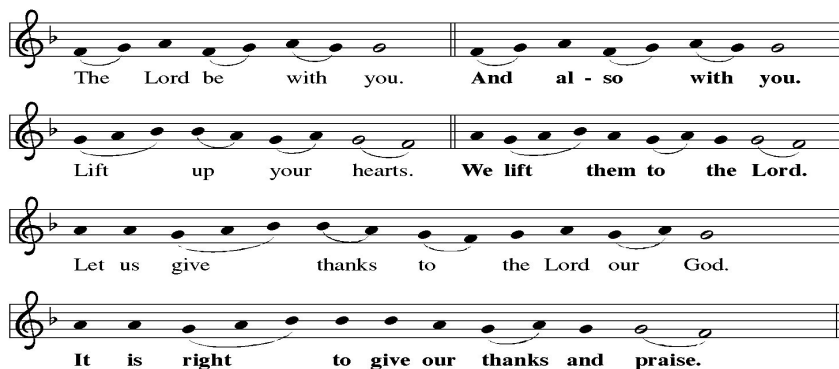
OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #186 - from Psalm 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

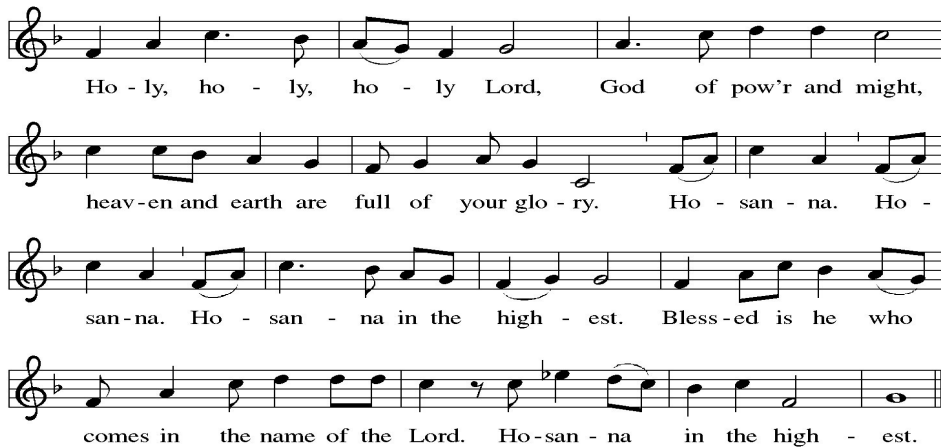
COMMUNION PREFACE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 - from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



WORDS OF INSTITUTION - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

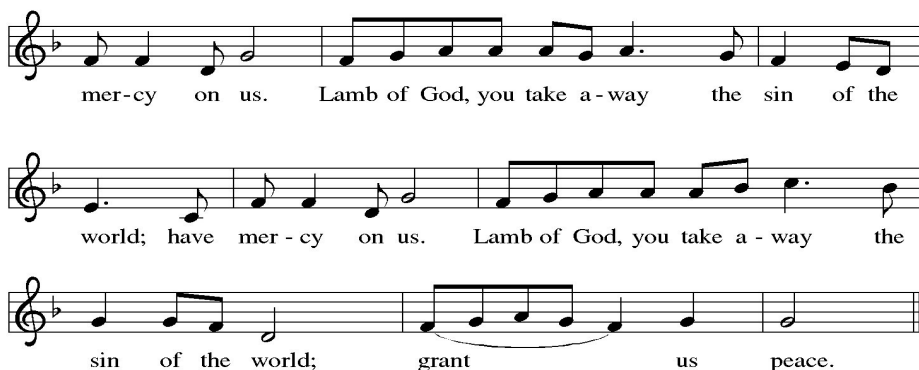
LORD'S PRAYER

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.)*

LAMB OF GOD Red Hymnal page 146 - from John 1:29





BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - Voluntary* Arr: Portman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Janice & Kervyn Mach in celebration of birthdays.*

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

In Helpful Service

Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Debbie Weprin
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOTHESLINE MEETING March 10th at 10:30 to continue planning for our annual dinner. If you cannot attend, please call Sharon Byrd at 937-667-1003 and leave your name and phone number.

BLOOD DRIVE March 12th - 12:00 - 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

NATIONAL QUILT DAY March 15th Stop into the conference room on the 15th & 16th to see our Mission Quilters display. They work diligently all year to provide hundreds of quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

BUNCO RETURNS Saturday, **March 15th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.. Pizza will be provided with a love offering to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages. If you don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. It's easy and fun! **Sign up** in the fellowship hallway.

BIBLE & BREW Returns on **March 18th - 5:30 - 6:30** at Chaffee's Brewhouse for diverse conversations and theological discussions in a relaxed setting. These gatherings are **open to everyone!** Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and they are now serving food.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT April 13th Breakfast will start right after worship. There will be a Bible story, games, craft, and egg hunt for kids to enjoy. Please sign up in the hallway to help or if you plan to attend.

TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS The order form is in your bulletin. Deadline is Sunday, **March 23rd**. Please put the order form and payment in the box in the narthex.

A FRIENDLY COMPETITION is happening between the adult Sunday school and the kids Sunday school classes to see who can invite the most people to church during Lent. Please join in the fun to make the most out of this Lenten season. Invitations have been printed and can be found on the table in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
Monday, March 10	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	10:30 am	Clothesline Meeting
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:30 pm	Scouts
Tuesday, March 11	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	5:00 pm	Comm & Welcome Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday, March 12	12:00 - 6:00	Blood Drive
	No Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, March 15	6:00 pm	Bunco

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 26th - 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13th - 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 19th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20th - 10:00 a.m.

