

Sunday Worship
March 16, 2025
Second 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

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

When Twilight Comes

Arr: Kerr

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 #834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

REETING / 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**

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.

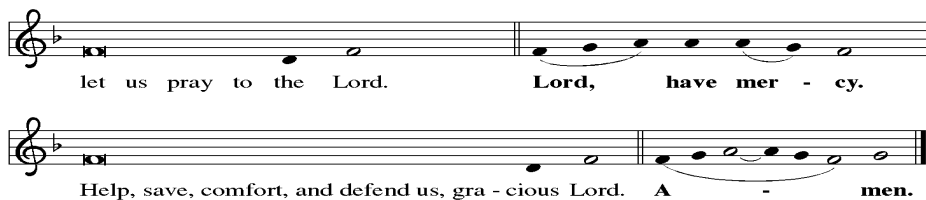
Lord, have mer - cy.

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,



TEMPLE TALK Laura Huston - Family Abuse Shelter

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.

PSALM: Psalm 27

R: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- C:** ²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- R:** ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- C:** ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- R:** ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- C:** ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- R:** ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- C:** ⁸**My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- R:** ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - You have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- C:** ¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**
- R:** ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- C:** ¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- R:** ¹³This I believe - that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C:** ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

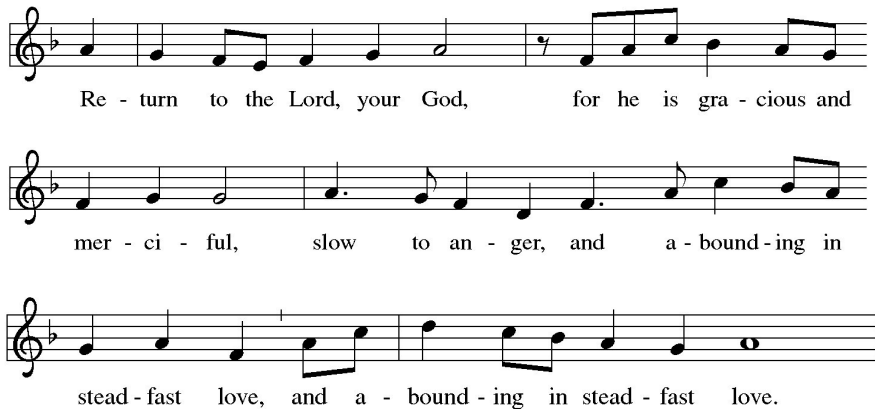
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17- 4:1

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 Red hymnal page 142
from Deuteronomy 30:2; Numbers 14:18; Joel 2:13



HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 13:31-35**

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

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 Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple hymnal #1015

As A Mother Comforts Her Child (2X)

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 . . .

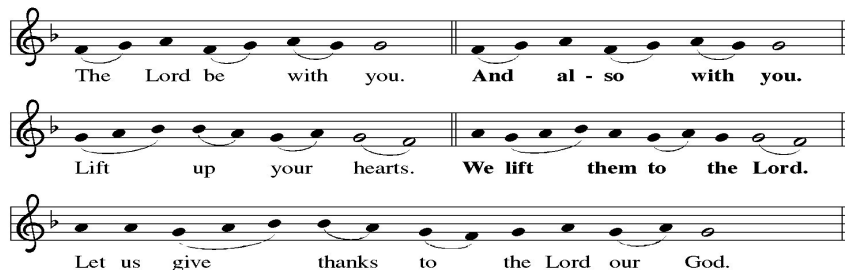
OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

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

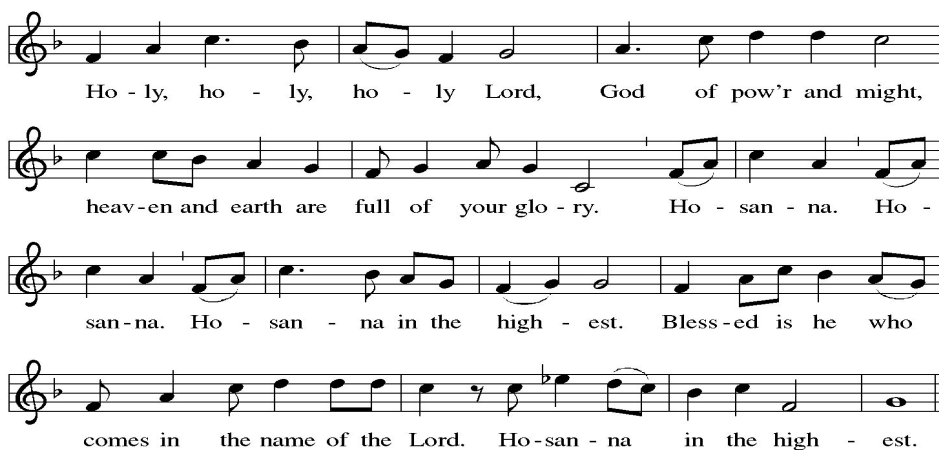


The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #597

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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

The God of Abraham Praise

Arr: Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Jen & Tim Garvic in celebration of their 16th anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Mitch Tayse
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Greeters	Mitch & Cindy Tayse
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BIBLE & BREW Returns this **Tuesday, 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 crafts 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 Order forms are on the table in the **narthex**. The 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

Monday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day 10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
Tuesday, March 18	10:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Bible & Brew at Chaffee's AA Meeting
Wednesday, March 19	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Music & Worship Mtg. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 20	First Day of Spring	



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*

LENT/HOLY WEEK 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.

HOLY WEEK

