

**Sunday Worship**  
**March 23, 2025**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



*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 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 warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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 #445

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

## 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: **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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.

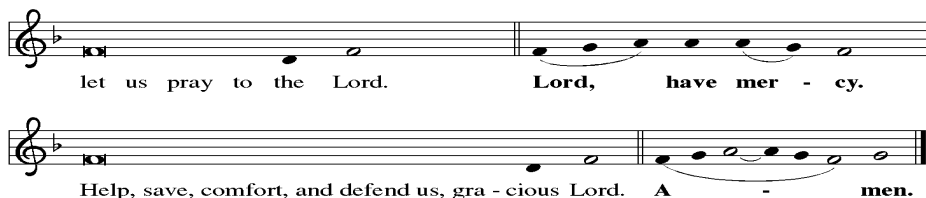
Lord, have mer - cy.

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  
Composer: Miles/Drennan

*In the Garden*

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 1-9**

R: <sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8**

R: <sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon You in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

R: <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give You praise.

C: <sup>4</sup>**So will I bless You as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

- R: <sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises You with joyful lips,  
C: <sup>6</sup>**when I remember You upon my bed, and meditate on You in the night watches.**  
R: <sup>7</sup>For You have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
C: <sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to You; your right hand holds me fast.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

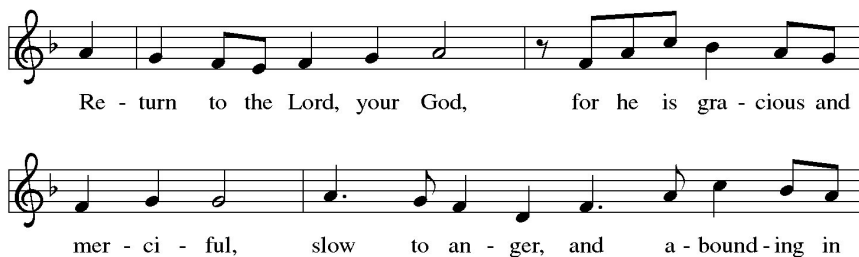
R: <sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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





stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 13:1-9**

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

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** Pastor Jaren Summers

**HYMN** Red hymnal #623

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

## 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.

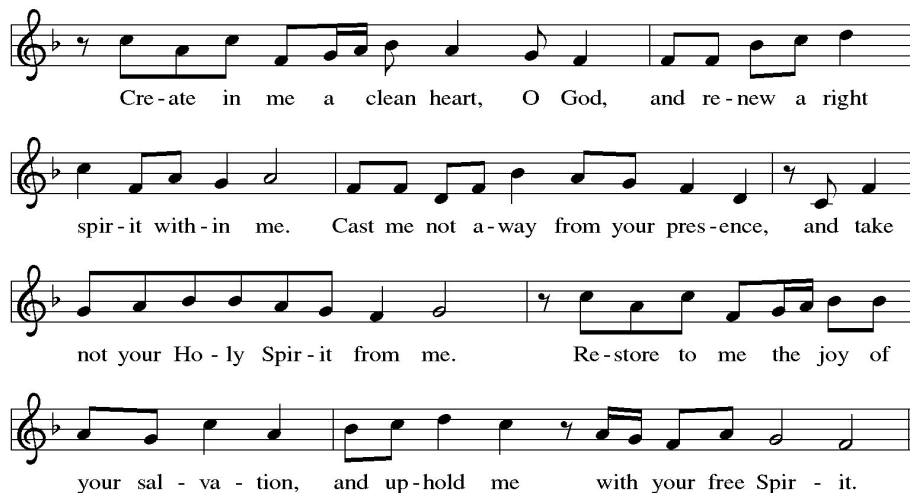
### PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

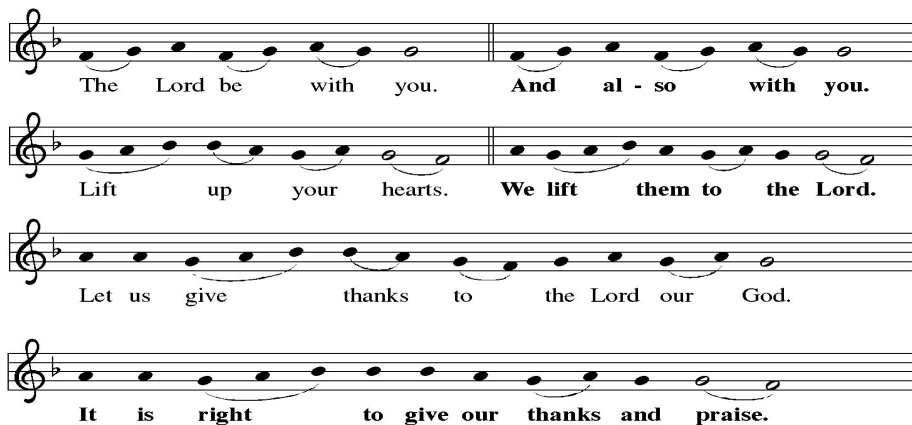
### OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

#### 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.

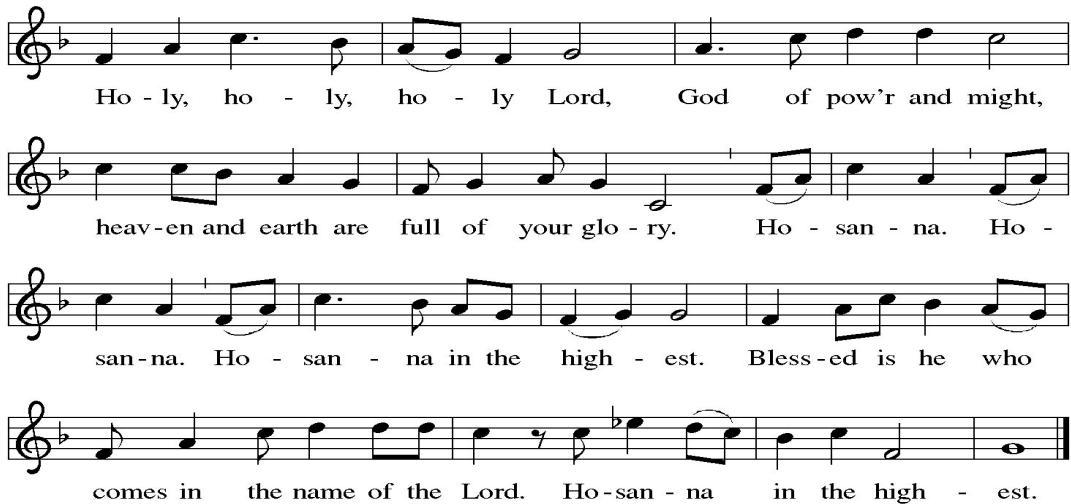
### COMMUNION PREFACE



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**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **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 #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. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

Arr: Pelz

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Pastor Jaren & Kendra Summers in celebration of their 6th anniversary.*

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

### **In Helpful Service**

Acolyte	Jason Schlater
Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Christine Schlater
Communion Assist	Chuck Drake
Greeter	Carol Friss
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS** Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Please put the order form and payment in the box in the narthex.

**LENTEN SERVICE** is this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

**THE MAILBOXES HAVE BEEN RE-ALPHABETIZED** Be sure to look carefully for your mailbox because its location may have changed.

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURE FOR THE CHURCH ROSTER** The Communications/ Welcoming Committee is working on creating a church roster for all members which will have names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and **pictures!** We hope to update the roster a couple of times a year so that current information is available for all members of Zion. The roster will be printed on pages stapled together and will replace the loose leaf notebooks we currently use. If you have a current photograph of you and your family (if you have children), please email the picture to the church office at [office@ziontippecity.org](mailto:office@ziontippecity.org) or place the photograph in Deb Keppel's mailbox. We will return the photo to you after we scan it. *We can also take your picture before or after service in the next few weeks. Deb Keppel or Jill Greer will be taking pictures in the Fellowship Hall.*

**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.

**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.

**GATHER: MIAMI VALLEY** , a ministry for young adults in the greater Dayton area, is meeting on Tuesday, **March 25th** at **7:00 pm** at Fricker's in Huber Heights.

### THIS WEEK AT ZION

<b>Monday, March 24</b>	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service</b> Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, March 27</b>	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends
<b>Sunday, March 30</b>	Randall Residence Outreach	



### 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 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### **Easter Sunday**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.

# HOLY WEEK

