

Sunday Worship
March 30, 2025
Fourth 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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Partita on Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior* Arr: Organ

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 #807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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: **God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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**

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.

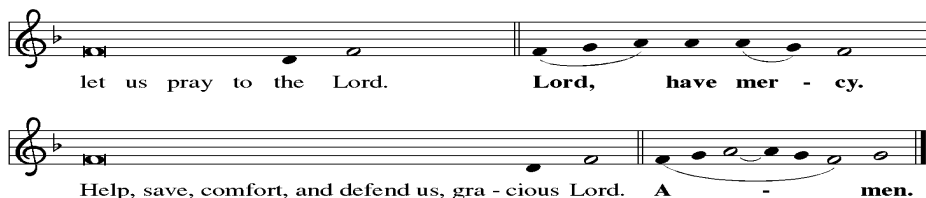
Lord, have mer - cy.

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: Joshua 5:9-12

R: ⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32

R: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: ²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

R: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

R: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then You forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to You in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

R: ⁷You are my hiding-place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: ⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

R: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

R: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

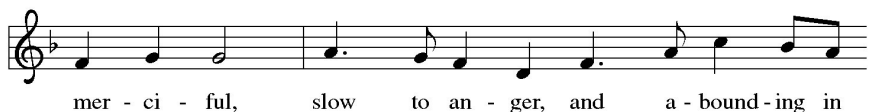
R: ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3,11b-32**

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #608

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

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



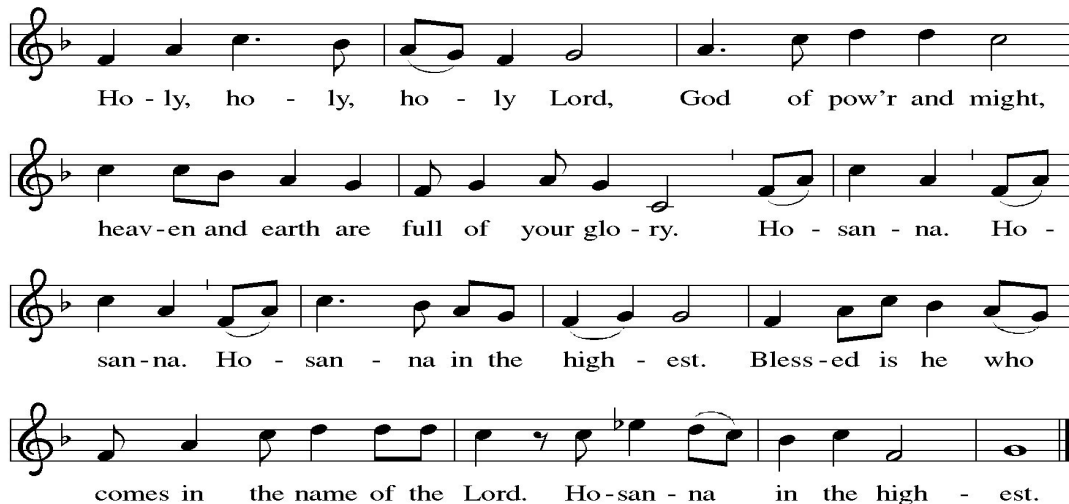
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

COMMUNION PREFACE



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

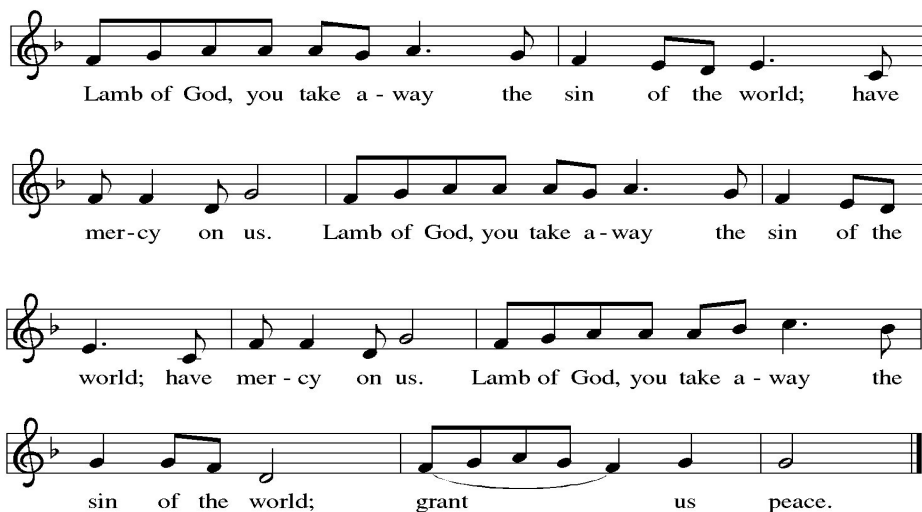
LORD'S PRAYER

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 #763

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Arr: Osterland

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by May Fischvogt & family in memory of Norbert Fischvogt's birthday.*

*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	Joyce Luther
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Greeter	May Fischvogt
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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@ziontippcity.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.

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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.

THANK OFFERING will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, March 31	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:30 pm	Scouts
Tuesday, April 1	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	7:00 pm	Website Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday, April 2	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal



Return of the prodigal son

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*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

