

# Zion Lutheran Church~ Lent 3

## Holy Communion ~ March 7, 2021



Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep

my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the  
world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of  
| it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Sermon** Pastor Ale Tulu

**Hymn of the Day**

"Baptized in Water"

ELW #456

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** *response: Your mercy is great*

### **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.

### **Communion Distribution**

**Prayer after Communion** Response: Amen.

#### **Hymn**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

ELW #765

#### **Benediction**

## Canticle of the Turning

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous  
things that you bring to the ones who  
wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's  
plight, and my weakness you did not  
spurn, so from east to west shall my  
name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

### *Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws  
near, and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths  
of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong  
to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress  
tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be  
fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears  
heard is the promise which holds us  
bound, till the spear and rod can be  
crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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## Baptized in Water

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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## Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares  
could destroy: be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the  
break of the day.
  
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the  
plane and the lathe: be there at our  
labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the  
noon of the day.
  
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms  
to embrace: be there at our homing, and  
give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve  
of the day.
  
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose  
presence is balm: be there at our  
sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end  
of the day.

**WELCOME!** ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

**OUR THANKS** TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Musician:* Laura Rude

*Worship assistant:* Millie Reierson

*Ushers:* Glenice Johnson, Sheryl Melin

*Reader:* Denny Minks

*Acolyte:* Megan Peterson

*Tech assist:* Keaton Hoverson

**TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (Silver Creek)



Hattie Hruby, daughter of Brian & Mariah Hruby.

Hattie's sponsors are Kaleb Torgerson, and Tim & Alissa Hruby

**OUR PRAYERS TO** Vernice Nelson hospitalized at Altru, GF.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored in memory of Eunice Hams by Mitch and Judy Hams.

**ZION'S WEBSITE** Sponsor for March is Zion memorials

**REMINDER** to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: [www.ziontrf.org](http://www.ziontrf.org). in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

**LENTEN SERVICES** are streamed live through Zion's Facebook page at 6:30 PM Wednesdays.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE** Spring is coming and we are seeing more activity all over, which is good. Parish Nursing is being accomplished by appointment. If you have a need or if you know of someone that does, please give me a call, or the church office to refer to me. I will gladly continue to visit by phone or in the office by appointment until further notice. Now, we are close to the finish line after a year of this Covid fighting journey, so we cannot give up on the compliance measures that got us this far. It is so exciting to see the increased activity in the church and to see how well it is being done. We need to maintain and grow that activity! May God be with us all, giving us Love, patience, kindness, and understanding as we work together for the future health of Zion Church. We are truly blessed, so continue to communicate with God's Love to all!

**LAY READERS** : We are looking for lay readers for the 8:30 Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you

**STEWARDSHIP** (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

Feb 22-28 income: \$9,092.

Feb 1-28 income: \$30,336.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Feb 28: \$56,024.

2021 proposed budget of \$350,940. / \$6,748 is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

**ZION ANNUAL MEETING** is rescheduled for March 14th at 9:30 AM.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated March 7 and March 21. Home communion cups may be picked up at Zion.

**EASTER LILIES**—If you would like to bring an Easter lily for Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of someone, please let the church office know by March 29th.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** may sign-up to Acolyte, Read, or Tech Crew for Sunday & Lent worship. Sign-up sheets on Madison's office door

A **PATHWAYS VIDEO** link over email about summer bible camps will be shared at a later time with families.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, March 7 :**

8:30 Zion Holy Communion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio;  
9:30 Online Sunday School posted  
10:00 Silver Creek Worship/Baptism

**Monday, March 8:** Parish Nurse available by appointment

**Tuesday, March 9:**

9:30 Staff meeting,  
Pastors Text Study  
**5:15** Christian Ed Board Zoom meeting

**Wednesday, March 10:** Confirmation classes participate with worship

6:30 Lenten Worship at Zion  
7:15 Senior Choir

**Sunday, March 14:**

8:30 Zion worship/ Baptism/Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio;  
9:30 Zion Annual Meeting  
9:30 Online Sunday School posted  
10:00 Silver Creek Worship

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