

Zion Lutheran Church  
Season of Lent  
New Traditions Worship

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9:00 AM Worship  
March 27, 2022

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk Pathways —Chris Andreason

Call to Worship - Sunday School

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.

In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song “Here I Am to Worship” *lyrics printed on back pages*

### Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,  
grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

## Word

Children’s Sermon      Chris Andreason  
**Noisy Offering for Pathways**

### FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup>The 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.

<sup>10</sup>While 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. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The 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.

*The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM: Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then 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 <sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>l</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>l</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>l</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>l</sup> with my eye.**

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

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations <sup>l</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>l</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>l</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>l</sup> true of heart.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

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

*The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

### **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>A 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. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But 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! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ' <sup>20</sup>So 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. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But 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.' "

**Sermon** "God's Party" Pastor Mark Helgeland

**Hymn of the Day** "In Christ Alone" *lyrics printed on back pages*

### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

**Offering** - *ushers bring offering forward*

**Offertory** "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

**Prayers of Intercession** *response: hear our prayer.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Sending**

### **Benediction**

**Sending Song**      *"Shine, Jesus Shine" lyrics printed on back pages*

**Dismissal**      Go in peace. Serve the Lord...**Thanks be to God.**

### **Post-service Music**

## Season of Lent – March 27, 2022

## Announcements

**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 *Reader:* Marie Engen  
*Pianist:* Laura Rude *Acolytes:* Gwen Wojciechowski, Lauren Johnson  
*Ushers:* Tom & Kaylynn Wold *Greeters:* Jessica & Tawny Hegland, Tiera Bugge

**OUR PRAYERS** to Pastor Bob Dahlen who is receiving hospice care at home.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM 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.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Jan's mother, Marion Oliver on the anniversary of her birthday

**ZION'S WEBSITE** for March is sponsored by Zion memorials.

**REMINDER to those hospitalized** If you wish Pastor Mark to call, please let the office know.

**A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** for Marie Engen on her 90th Birthday will be held at Zion today Sunday, March 27th from 2-4PM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend. *no gifts, please*

**ATTENTION:** Again, during the Lenten season we will be collecting items for the Personal Care Kits. Items needed for the kits are: *bath towels (may be used, but clean and in good condition), nail clippers, adult-size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, and two bath-size bars of soap.* A container is available for you to deposit your items. Also, we use flannel sheets to make diapers for the Baby Care Kits. Any used sheets you no longer use are greatly appreciated. Hand towels are also needed for these kits. The confirmands assist with assembling these kits and then the kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief in early May along with the quilts the ladies are making. For more info, call Sharon Wagner at 681-2473 or Sharon Jorde at 681-4739. Thank you for your donations!

**LWR QUILTING** the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month 1- 4pm. Questions? call Sharon Bergeron 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

**FROM PARISH HEALTH:** Good news! Covid cases in our area are finally heading in the right direction. We need to be aware that it is not at the level of positivity in our area where we can relax completely, according to Intercounty Nursing. We need to use proper precautions appropriately, staying home when we are sick, washing hands frequently, covering your cough, and maintaining space/wearing masks when appropriate or required. This is such good progress and we want to continue this moving forward to keep our schools and businesses open, and our healthcare facilities at a capacity to be able to meet the needs of our community. Stay safe wrapped in Gods Love!

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** Sunday, April 3rd at 10 AM in the lounge  
**HEARING DEVICES** are available on the table in back

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** Pr Ted Carnahan who was here for an interview, has since accepted a call with another congregation. The call committee will continue its work in seeking other candidates.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - If you wish to share flowers for Easter worship in honor or in memory of someone, please get information to the church office by April 10th.

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

March 14-20 income: \$8,218.

March 1-20 income: \$17,983.

Jan 1– Mar 20 income: \$67,662.

2022 Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Vanco Electronic Giving is available - forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru Zion's website.

**OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN** is moving forward. Current donations & Pledges: \$10,260.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®** Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

**LSS RESPITE CARE** - Thursdays, **NEW TIME** - 12Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

**LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Thursday, March 10th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14—Worship at 7:30 PM  
SEDER MEAL at 6 PM for 5th Grade Students & families  
FIRST COMMUNION will be held for 5th grade students

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15—Worship at 6:30 PM  
PRAYER VIGIL will begin at 12 noon

EASTER DAY—April 17—Sunrise Worship, youth led, at 6:30 AM  
EASTER Breakfast served by youth at 7:30 AM  
EASTER Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM  
EASTER Worship at Silver Creek with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Today - Sunday, March 27: Pathways Sunday**

9:00 Zion Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
10:00 Sunday School  
10 Coffee fellowship  
10:00 Book discussion in Patio room  
10:30 Silver Creek worship  
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37  
2-4 PM Marie Engen's 90th birthday celebration in fellowship hall  
4:00 Girl Scouts

#### **Monday, March 28:**

9 SAIL  
7 Troop 59

#### **Tuesday, March 29:**

12 noon Pastors text study

#### **Wednesday, March 30:**

5:30 Lenten supper served by Men's Breakfast Grp  
6:30 Lenten Worship  
7:15 Senior Choir

#### **Thursday, March 31:**

9 SAIL  
12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge  
1 Quilting

#### **Friday, April 1:**

7 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

#### **Saturday, April 2:**

11-1 Shower in fellowship hall

#### **Next Sunday, April 3:**

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/Baptism/  
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
10:00 Sunday School  
10 Coffee fellowship  
10:00 Book discussion in Patio room  
10 Blood Pressure screening in lounge  
10:30 Silver Creek worship  
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

## YOUTH NEWS



5th Grade First Communion classes will be held March 27 & April 3 during Sunday School. A parent or adult is required to attend with the student. Shawna Spears and Denny Minks will lead the classes.

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. March Noisy offering is for Pathways.

Thank you to our student families who are providing treats for coffee fellowship!



### **PATHWAYS BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY TODAY, MARCH 27TH**

information is now available on their website [pathwaysbiblecamp.org](http://pathwaysbiblecamp.org). Printed brochures and camp schedules available on the youth bulletin board.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** - Food and Fellowship 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Donations will go towards new furniture for our Sunday school classrooms.

### **8-10TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Classes resume following Lent  
Attendance is required at Wednesday Lenten Services.



**A Lutheran Doctrine Class** has been tentatively set for Wednesday April 20th and if needed also the 27th. On the 20th: we will meet at 5:30 starting with a potluck supper followed by the class. The class is for all the Confirmands and their parents as well as all Zion members or those wanting to join the church.

### **Lent Service Meal Clean-Up Help**

Every year we ask students to help with the clean-up after the Lenten meals. Here is the schedule with the corresponding grades for each night. All students are asked to help.

Please be at church by 5:30 on your clean-up night.

\*Parental help is needed for elementary nights

March 30                      3th-4th Grade and 11th Grade

April 6                        K-2nd and 12th Grade

\*\*April 14th- Seder Meal- 8th grade\*\*

**PARENT HELP** is needed for the Seder Meal April 14th. Please contact Kami if you would like to help.



## WITNESSES

### One Actor \* Eight Characters \* A Fresh Look at Jesus

A stingy Innkeeper with a Bronx accent, an Italian Lazarus who likes pasta, and a joyful Simon Peter on Easter Morning... all these characters and more come to life Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN with the dramatic presentation, *Witnesses*. Written by Curt Cloninger, this one-man, multiple character performance will feature Christian actor and speaker, Rev. Jonathan Swenson.

In this innovative and inspiring re-telling of the Gospel, Swenson portrays eight different characters as each responds to Jesus. Through these eye-witness accounts, both comedic and serious, the audience is encouraged to see Jesus from fresh perspectives; not cold and distant, but as one who was intimately involved in the “nitty-gritty” of life.

Swenson is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A. in Psychology, Theater and Music, 1988) and Luther Seminary (Master’s of Divinity, 1994). He has served as an ordained minister for over 15 years, and is currently the Founding Director of Paraphrase Theater as well as the Director of Programming for Mount Carmel Ministries in Alexandria. MN.

Swenson, a trained actor, travels throughout the country sharing a unique blend of drama, teaching, music and story-telling. His regional theater credits include such leading musical roles as Tevye, Daddy Warbucks, Harold Hill and Nathan Detroit. Dramatic roles include Gratiano in *The Merchant of Venice* and Roland in *Taking Steps*. Swenson has also performed as guest soloist with Orchestra Iowa in Cedar Rapids, IA. Most recently, Jonathan can be seen in the feature film, “Miles Between Us” produced by ii Films, and heard on the soundtrack of Rich Melheim’s Martin Luther Rock Opera.

A \$5 donation is requested and will be taken as a free-will offering.

For more information on Jonathan Swenson, visit [www.paraphrasetheatre.com](http://www.paraphrasetheatre.com). For more information about this presentation of *Witnesses* call Pastor Kristin Ostercamp at 218-684-1155.

Paraphrase Theatre Presents

# WITNESSES

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written by Curt Cloninger  
performed by Jonathan Swenson

for more information  
visit Paraphrase Theatre on Facebook  
or [www.paraphrasetheatre.com](http://www.paraphrasetheatre.com)

Witnesses is sponsored by the ELCA Congregations of the Thief River Falls Conference of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. A \$5 donation is requested and will be taken as a free will offering. Contact Kristin at 218-684-1155 for more information.

Sunday, April 10  
7:00 PM  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Thief River Falls, MN