

Zion Lutheran Church
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 9:00 AM



**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG “Just As I Am” ELW # 592

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 203)

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

**⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want Jesus, To Walk With Me" ELW # 325

APOSTLES' 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.**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ELW # 632

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp

Pianist: Laura Rude

Organist: Marie Longo

Greeters & Ushers: Deb Holtan, Amber Holtan, Alex Hanson

Reader: Diane Lee

Acolytes:

Communion assist: Vivian Knutson, Patty Schob

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Especially those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season: the family of Joleen DuChamp; Rose Marie Liimatainen (Joannie Minks mother) who is hospitalized in Cloquet.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Zion memorials

WEBSITE sponsor for February is Zion memorials.

WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP Supper will be served at 5:30 followed by 6:30 worship.

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 will be 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!

THANK YOU - A heartfelt thank you to all who came out to help my family move last Sunday. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of those who gave of their time to help us. You are very much appreciated and I am feeling very blessed. - *Kerry Melin*

THE EVANGELISM AND LAY MINISTRY BOARD is holding a "Lord's Prayer Keychain" project for **ALL AGES** in the Fellowship Hall Sunday February 25th during the coffee hour. All are invited to come and assemble keychains to make for yourself and to share with others.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Feb 5-11: \$3,129.

Feb 1-11: \$9,761.

Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING - Sign up available on Zion's website

or contact the church office.

QR code to giving page:



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. Jan/Feb Thrivent Choice Dollars received total \$561. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars!*

LSS Group Respite is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

PARISH NURSE NOTES— Do you need a hug? It's no small thing, this need for a hug. Skin-hunger, some call it. The skin is the largest organ in the human body—the sensor of temperature, judger of texture, and instrument of emotional contact. The skin is also the prison within which we live, the barrier which isolates us from one another—until we reach across the distance to touch another person.

All of us need physical affection, as reassurance that we are lovable and loved. Especially in times of personal crisis—when physical or emotional suffering makes us doubt our own and others' goodness—sometimes the only thing that really helps to melt away our pain is a warm embrace.

Many of us are so much more accustomed to giving than receiving that we feel “weak” when we need support from another. But when your skin is a lonely casing—when you feel untouched and unloved—a **hug** would help. Here are a few ways to get one!

Try a sneak attack. The closest people *should* be the first to satisfy your need for human contact but *shoulds* don't always work. Rather than waiting for someone to notice you need a little coddling and cuddling, **you** could take the initiative to reach out. Hugging a close friend is just as sweet! If you and your friend have never been physically affectionate, the “back-door” approach may work with reluctant huggers. It starts with a pat on the shoulder and proceeds in gradual steps over a week or two to an arm around the shoulders to a full-blown **hug**.

Seek out a “hugger.” You probably know who they are! Then all you have to remember is that huggers (like all of us!) like to have their skills appreciated. Go to these wonderful givers of warmth and new life—and come away refreshed and affirmed.

Seek out a “huggee.” Finding yourself a huggee May take a little effort but the search carries its own reward. The joy of bringing a smile to someone else's face even as you break through the walls of your own skin-prison.

Practice, practice, practice! You may find it hard the first time to reach across the few inches that separate your skin-bound self from someone else. But after a few dozen tries, it becomes pretty easy; eventually it's such a natural gesture with such great emotional payoff you can't imagine why you ever hesitated. The emotional lift that we get from **hugging** has surely to do with how we are made, some reflection of our Creator's plans for us. We are, after all, the children of a God who loved us into being, a God who took humanity into divine arms.

- Hugs and Peace to you all! Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Feb. 18:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 Food & Fellowship
11 Silver Creek HC Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, Feb. 19: Presidents Day

Church Offices Closed
Carpet installation at Zion
Youth Ski Trip

Tuesday, Feb. 20:

No Faith Community Nurse hours
5:30 Zion Council

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21:

5:30 Lenten supper
6:30 Worship
7:15 Senior Choir

Thursday, Feb 22:

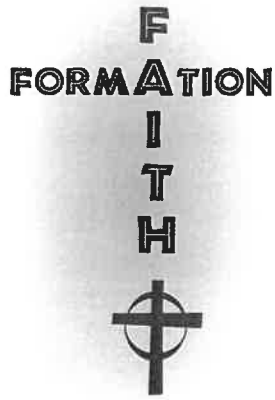
9 SAIL exercise
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Saturday, Feb. 24:

Wedding at Silver Creek

Next Sunday, Feb. 25:

9:00 Zion worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 Food & Fellowship
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37



Sunday School— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

Cornerstone Kids—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

NOISY OFFERING February 11 & 25 goes to Pathways

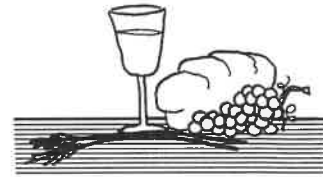
First Communion Instruction

Students in Grade 5 and their caring adults are welcome.

Sunday, March 10th 10:00 - 1:00

OR

Saturday, March 16th 10:00—1:00



Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday. Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,

February 25: Kelsey Dondelinger, Kerry Melin, Kevin & Alisha Walseth, Kim Hanson

March 3: Krista Johnson, Kristin Ostercamp, Lindsay & Riley Henrickson

March 10: Lindsey Daley, Lora Rantanen, Lynsey Forsberg, Marie Longo

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on



Today Feb.18. Free-will donation goes to youth programming.

Breakfast will be **served by 9th Grade students.**

Confirmation Class Schedule

Resumes after Lent/Easter

Lent Clean-Up Schedule



The CLEAN-UP CREW

Feb 21: Grades 3&4 with Grades 10-12

Feb 28: Grades 7&8

March 6: Grades 5&6

March 13: Grades K-2

March 20: Grade 9

Parent help is needed for grades K-2