

Zion Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

“Gather Us In” #532 v.1-2,4

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.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, ¹the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹ live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,**
who rules over the nations.
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.
³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,
 saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. 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 8:31-38

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you

are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

SERMON Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father” #781

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.**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG “Shout to the Lord” # 821 2x

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements - February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

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: Sheryl Melin, Kerry Melin

Ushers: Sophia Tougas

Reader: Annette Lian

Acolytes: Austin Lawrence, Nora Bruggeman

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.

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.

SARAH Circle will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 1:30 PM in the lounge. Wanda Schuster, hostess.

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!

TODAY: EVANGELISM AND LAY MINISTRY BOARD is holding a "Lord's Prayer Keychain" project for ALL AGES in the Fellowship Hall 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 12-18: \$7,925.

Feb 1-11: \$17,676.

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—

The healing power of prayer to lessen the effects of disease and speed recovery has been the focus of many scientific studies, and public opinion polls reveal that people believe in the healing power of personal prayer. Whether or not medical science offers proof of prayer linked to the healing process, what matters most is that you can experience God's compassionate healing with your or a loved one's illness. The healing power of prayer has many benefits even when a medical cure doesn't occur.

A few hints about prayer: Getting into the every day habit of prayer can change your very relationship with God—as an intimate friend who cares. Practicing daily prayer is a good idea. Pray for others as well as yourself.

Let prayer heal you. You may have feelings of anger or resentment for an illness that has occurred. Taking those feelings to God in prayer can help you release negative feelings and heal emotionally and spiritually, giving you strength to move forward. Do not be afraid to express anger, fear, resentment, disappointment, anxiety—or any emotion—in the presence of God; instead, see the expression as a very personal and intimate expression of prayer.

Explore other ways of healing. What happens to a person of faith who seeks healing and does not receive the cure he or she desperately sought? Have they been abandoned or forgotten by God? Perhaps the answer to such prayers is “no” to the wish for a cure but “yes” to another form of healing: trust, acceptance, and a new understanding of God's compassion and love.

“There is no doubt about the numerous benefits of prayer and spirituality: solace in times of suffering, uncertainty, and loss; a community of people who share one's values and beliefs; principles to help guide us through difficult situations. These benefits are helpful and healing in the deepest sense of the word.” Barrie Cassileth, *The Alternative Medicine Handbook*

This bulletin note comes from one of the many Care Notes available to you in times when you may need some information or guidance on life's struggles. They can be found in the narthex of the church and the youth Care Notes are by the Pastor's office. Take a look! - God's Blessings and Peace. Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Feb. 25:

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

Monday, Feb. 26:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, Feb. 27:

No Faith Community Nurse hours
10:30 Bereavement Group
1:30 TRCC communion
2:30 Oakland Park communion

Wednesday, Feb. 28:

1:30 Sarah Circle in lounge
5:30 Lenten supper
6:30 Worship
7:15 Senior Choir

Thursday, Feb 29:

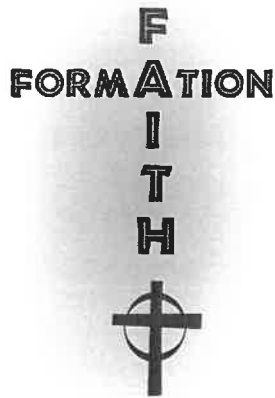
9 SAIL exercise
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Friday, March 1:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, March 3:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 Blood Pressure Screen
10 Coffee Fellowship
11 Silver Creek HC 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: MARCH goes to Humane Society

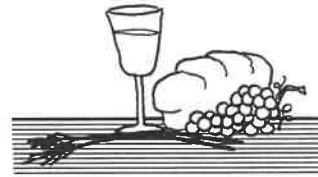
First Communion Instruction

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

 **Sunday, March 17.** Free-will donation goes to youth programming.

Breakfast will be served by **10th Grade students.**

Confirmation Classes— Resume after Lent/Easter

Lent Clean-Up Schedule



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

HOTDISH COOKOFF

March 17th at 4PM

All are welcome to participate. More info coming.

