

Zion Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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.

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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect 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**FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Kid's Time

Noisy Offering for Humane Society

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

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: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

SERMON Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN OF THE DAY “For By Grace You Have Been Saved” #598

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

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.

***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.

LAMB OF GOD Page 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG "What a Fellowship" #774

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements - March 10, 2024

Fourth 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: Jerry & Wanda Schuster

Ushers: Al Aaseby, Patty Schob

Reader:

Acolytes:

Communion asst: Tom & Kaylynn Wold

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.

WE PRAY for the 5th Grade class as they begin to prepare for First Communion which will be celebrated Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

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 Ray & Kathy Wagner in memory of Lora Johnson.

WEBSITE sponsor for March is Zion memorials.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT worship folders & bulletins are available from an usher.

WELCA Meets on Tuesday All women are invited to join in fellowship, refreshments and Bible study on Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m. Hostesses are Mary Morken and Kaylynn Wold. Board meets at 9 a.m.

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!

EASTER FLOWERS such as tulips, azaleas and daffodils may be dropped off at the church between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Due to concerns with allergic reactions, Lilies may be delivered to the church the Saturday before Easter or Easter Sunday morning. Lilies must be removed immediately following worship. If you wish to honor or remember a loved one with your floral gift, please contact the church office by Tuesday, March 26 to be included in the bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

March 1-3: \$5,867.

Feb 1-29: \$22,403.

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.

Thank you to all who have directed dollars!

PARISH NURSE NOTES—

Waiting for the future is one of the world's most effective enticements to the insidious and regrettable habits of ignoring the wonder of the moment, **this day, this child**. We parents wait for birth, ignoring the miracle of conception and pregnancy. We wait for the child to be toilet trained, to reach school age, to be of driving age, so we will have the perfect opportunities to do, say, go, see, and visit. We wait to be independent of parenting. Then we await grandparenting.

Just as there are no perfect times to have a child, so too there are no perfect opportunities during either parenthood or grandparenthood. There are only gilt-edged moments, masquerading as inconveniences, interruptions, and frustrations.

Viewing such occasions through loving eyes of faith helps in the recognition of priceless opportunities.

"All the works of the Lord are very good, and whatever he commands will be done at the appointed time....From the beginning to the end of time he can see everything, and nothing is too marvelous for him." Strachey 39: 16, 20

Take time to enjoy every day and all their blessings! Parish Health

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, March 10:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 -1 First Communion Class
10 Coffee Fellowship
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, March 11:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, March 12:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours
9 WELCA Ex. Board
10 WELCA Meeting
10:30 Ev/ Lay Ministry Board
5:45 Worship Board

Wednesday, March 13:

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

Thursday, March 14:

9 SAIL exercise
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Friday, March 15:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, March 17: Pathways Camp Day

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

4:00 Hotdish Cookoff in fellowship hall

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 24:

9 Palm Sunday worship

Maundy Thursday, Mar 28

6:30 First Communion Worship

Good Friday, Mar 29

Noon-Prayer Vigil

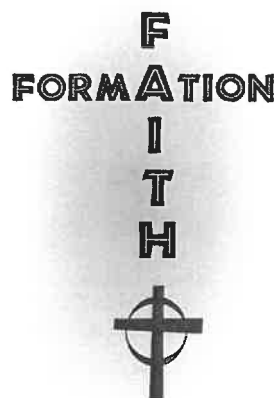
6:30 Worship

Easter Sunday, Mar 31

7 am Sunrise Worship

7:45 Easter Breakfast

9 am Celebration Worship



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

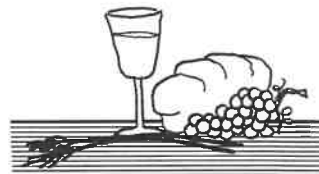
Cornerstone Kids—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

- › **Sunday School & Cornerstone Sing in church March 17th**
- › **Pathways Camp Sunday is March 17th**
- › **Noisy Offering March 10th will go to the Humane Society**

First Communion Instruction— Today

Students in Grade 5 and their caring adults are welcome.

Sunday, March 10th 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,

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

March 24: Mark & Jenny Johnson, Matt & Chantilly Opdahl, Matt & Kasey Olson, Max & Vanessa Thompson

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

March 13: Grades K-2

March 20: Grade 9

Parent help is needed for grades K-2

HOTDISH COOKOFF

March 17th at 4PM

Sign up by March 13th. Sheet on youth office door.

\$5 to sample hotdishes. Tickets can be purchased to vote.

Proceeds go toward updating the youth room.

