

Zion Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 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

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #510

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, 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You 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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For 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.

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

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its ¹maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale ¹to another,
and one night imparts knowledge ¹to another.**

³Although they have no ¹words or language,
and their voices ¹are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends ¹of the world, where God has pitched a tent ¹for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out ¹of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to ¹run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of ¹it again; nothing is hidden from its ¹burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to ¹the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light ¹to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous ¹altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is ¹great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's ¹own offenses?
Cleanse me from my ¹secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion ¹over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ¹great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable ¹in your sight, O LORD, my strength and ¹my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

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

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

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
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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 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making 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. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

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

SERMON Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” #355

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... **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.

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 “My Life Flows On” #763

DISMISSAL

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

Announcements - March 3, 2024

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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: Glen & Lynae Nesland Ushers: Al Aaseby, Jerry Schuster
Reader: Sharon Wagner 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.

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.

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

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!

Quilting on Thursday Join us in finishing mission quilts on Thursday, March 7, 1:00 p.m. Busy hands are helpful in pinning, sewing or tying quilts, ready for shipment in May. Coffee and fellowship, too.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Feb 19-25: \$4,332.

Feb 1-25: \$22,008.

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— We have all probably experienced a bad headache during our life but how can you tell when a headache requires additional diagnostic testing? Headaches come with a wide range of accompanying symptoms and severity. Most often, they are due to a primary headache disorder such as a tension headache or migraine. However, older adults are more likely than their younger counterparts to experience a secondary headache disorder. A second headache is when the headache pain is a symptom of an underlying problem or condition. Certain “red flags” characteristics are worrisome. Represented by the acronym *SNOOP4*, these headache characteristics include:

Systemic symptoms—Accompanied by fever, chills, night sweats or unintentional weight loss.

Neurologic symptoms—Accompanied by signs and symptoms such as weakness, numbness, trouble walking, confusion, seizures, or difficulty staying alert or maintaining consciousness.

Onset—Begins suddenly or abruptly, such as a severe headache that peaks within one to two minutes (thunderclap headache).

Older age—Begins to occur or progress after age 50.

Pattern change—Changes in frequency, severity or character that’s different from any previously experienced headache.

Progressive—Attacks that worsen over time.

Precipitated by exertion—Occurs with a cough, bearing down or other straining activity.

Positional worsening—Changes in severity depending on whether you’re upright or lying down.

Talk to your doctor if you’re having new headaches or headaches that seem out of the ordinary for you. If a severe headache comes on suddenly, seek **emergency** medical attention. You are the best one to take care of yourself! God’s Blessings and Peace. Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: 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 Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, March 4:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, March 5:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours
1:30 Parish Health
5:30 Public Relations
5:30 Christian Ed
6:30 Parish Fellowship

Wednesday, March 6:

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

Thursday, March 7:

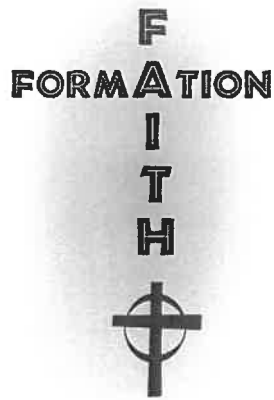
9 SAIL exercise
10 Prayer Shawl ministry
1 Quilting/ LWR workshop
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Friday, March 8:

8 Men’s Breakfast at Biff’s

Next Sunday, March 10:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 First Communion Class
10 Blood Pressure Screen
10 Coffee 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.

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

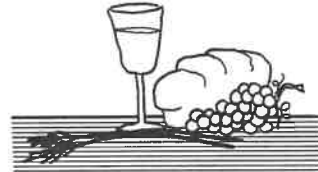
First Communion Instruction

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,

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

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

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

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

