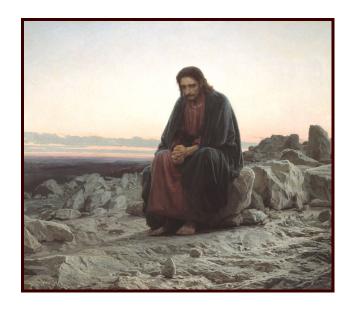
# Zion Lutheran Church



February 21st, 2021 First Sunday in Lent



#### Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

#### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.



Tune and text: Public domain

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathbf{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- [ ], a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

# Introit



- P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble; I will rescue him and | honor him.
  - With long life I will sat- | isfy him and show him my sal- | vation.
- Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place the Most High, who is my | refugeno evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you, no plague come | near your tent. For he will command his angels con- | cerning you

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;

I will rescue him and | honor him.

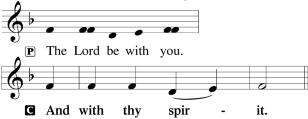
With long life I will sat- | isfy him

and show him my sal- | vation.





### Salutation and Collect of the Day



### P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Old Testament Reading -- Genesis 22:1–18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Adult Choir** – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (8 am) **Faith Bell Choir** – Go to Dark Gethsemane (10:30 am)

#### Epistle Reading -- James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.



Text (sts. 1–4): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004720 Text (sts. 1s–4s) and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

## **Prayer of the Church**

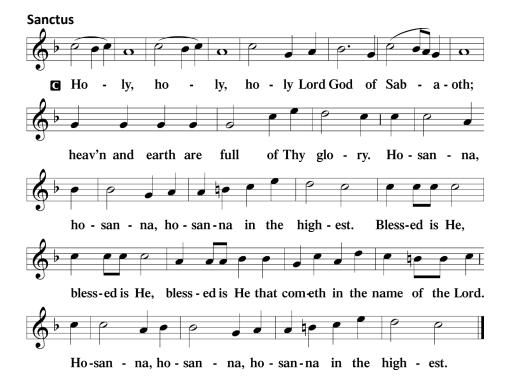
- **P** ... Lord in your mercy.
- C ... Hear our prayer.

#### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Lord's Prayer

C 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



#### Distribution

### **Distribution Hymns**

The Lamb, the Lamb	#547
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	#746
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	#438



## **Thanksgiving**

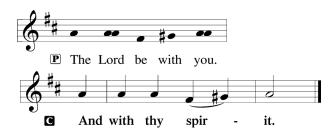




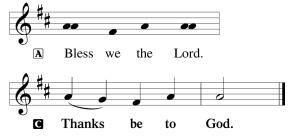
## **P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.



#### **Benedicamus**



### **Benediction**



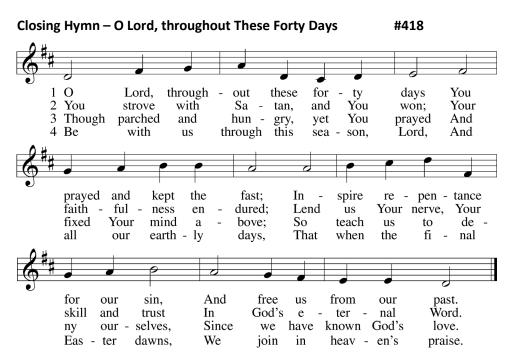


His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





Tune: Public domain Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004720

#### Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV\* Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version\*), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

## The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Lois Sauro, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Dwayne Kaufman, Millie Thielet, Jim Neill, Pastor Wayne Hoffman, Jean Walker, Debra Green, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

## The World:

- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

## Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

## **†** Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders: Brian Pasquini, Mike Wallace

The Acolyte: Will Schrag (8:00)

Kate Lemonovich (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**Ushers**: Carl Bauer, Gene Koop

Ron Meier, Dale Miller (8:00)

John & Tom Garrubba,

Dan & Tracey Harris (10:30)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hayes in loving memory of Terry's father, Bob Johnson; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS/TEENS has begun a new section of the Bible. Join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall as we dive into the books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians!



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/14) – 12 (8 am); 53 (10:30 am) Ash Wednesday Worship Attendance (2/17) – 30 (2 pm); 70 (7 pm) Saturday Worship Attendance (2/13) --Sunday Offering (2/14) – \$2313 Online Offering – \$955

## The Week Ahead at Zion

THE WEEK THEELE AT ZIOTI	
SUN 2/21	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch. 10:30 AM – Worship
MON 2/22	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUE 2/23	7:00 PM – Sunday School Mtg.
WED 2/24	2:00 PM – Lent 1 Worship Service 7:00 PM – Lent 1 Worship Service
THU 2/25	
FRI 2/26	
SAT 2/27	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at <u>www.signupgenius.com</u> or call Susie at 412-977-9066.
SUN 2/28	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch. 10:30 AM – Worship

### Donations to our Parament/Banner Fund ...

... in recent years have enabled us to purchase the new white, blue, and green paraments and banners for our altar and sanctuary walls. We are hoping to raise money for the purchase of the new red banners and paraments, shown below, to beautify our sanctuary at Pentecost.

If you would like to donate to this special fund, please write "Banner Fund" on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you!











During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return from the OT book of Joel played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him." (Joel 2:14)

"Return to the Lord" Lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex and on the table in the side atrium. Please take one!





## What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends

the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!





# How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



#### Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!

