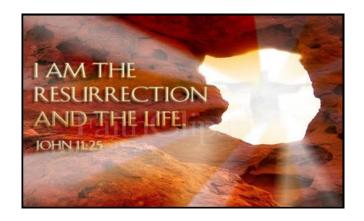
Zion Lutheran Church



March 26th, 2023 Fifth 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 (1 Cor. 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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

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 or call the church office.

Our Worship

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



- ightharpoonspice In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonspice 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,
- I, 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 -- Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15



- Precious in the sight | of the LORD is the death | of his saints.
- I love the LORD, because | he has heard my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death laid | hold on me; I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

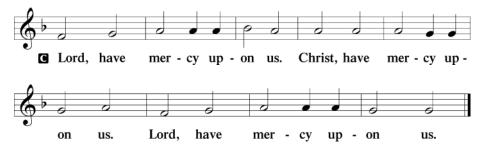
For you have delivered my | soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

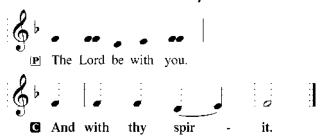
as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD is the death | of his saints.

Kyrie



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 -- Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and

behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

Epistle Reading -- Romans 8:1-11

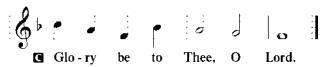
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

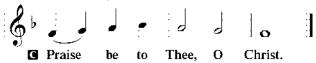
Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

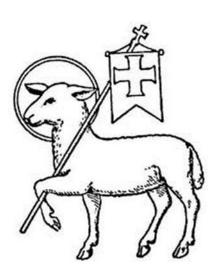
Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four

days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.







Nicene Creed

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 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.

Hymn of the Day -- My Song is Love Unknown

#430

My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

My song is love unknown,

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- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!"
 Is all their breath,
 And for His death
 They thirst and cry.

- Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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Sermon

Offertory



Gathering of Offerings

Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.

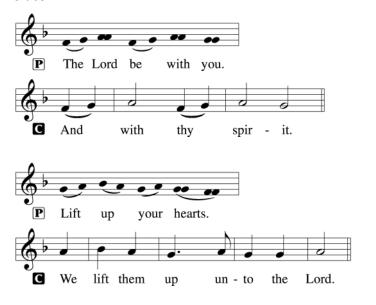
Prayer of the Church

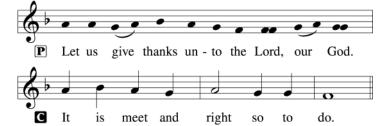
P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface





It is truly good, 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:

Sanctus



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

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."

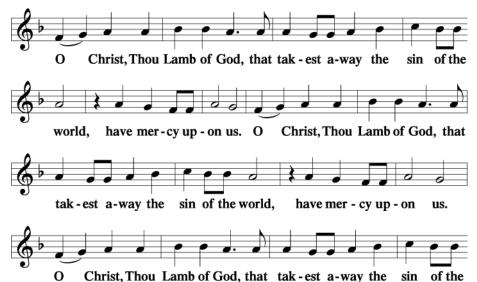
Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei





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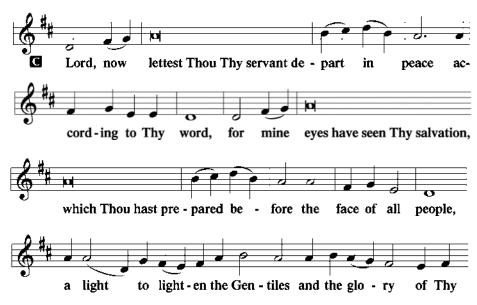
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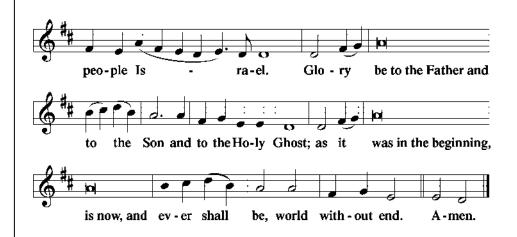
Flute and Piano Duet -- Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (8:00)

Distribution Hymns

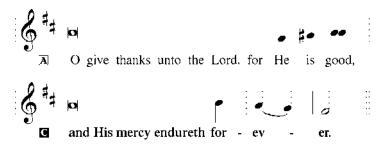
What Wondrous Love is This #543
O Savior, Precious Savior #527
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now #440

Nunc Dimittis





Thanksgiving



P Let us pray.

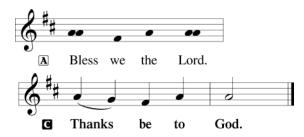
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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





Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.
- -Healing & Strength for: Pastor Ernest Knoche, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine.
- -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.

Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Mike Kroeger, Bob Schmidt (8:00)

Jim Neill, Roger Diederich (10:30)

Acolytes: Claire Schrag (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)

Ushers: Ava & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00)

Bob & Christian Bonacci, Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Brian & Megan Pasquini in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of God.

A MEMBER PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is being developed in the church office, complete with up-to-date photos and contact information for every member of our church family! We are working with a local photographer to take photos of our member families -- STAY TUNED for photo session sign-ups in April & May. The new Member Directory will be part



of our 125th anniversary commemoration and will be completed and ready for distribution in September.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/19) -- 68 (8 am); 74 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Lenten Worship Attendance (3/22) -- 23 (2 pm); 24 (7 pm) Plate Offerings (3/19) -- \$2183 Online Offering -- \$4865

Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate



This Week at Zion

SUN 3/26	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship
MON 3/27	6:00 PM – 1st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 3/28	
WED 3/29	2:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 5 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 5
THU 3/30	
FRI 3/31	
SAT 4/1	
SUN 4/2 PALM SUNDAY	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship

Join us for our final mid-week Lenten service Wednesday at 2 & 7 pm

Our Lenten theme, "Promised Treasures", reminds us that this Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Rom. 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. So, each Wednesday in Lent, we've taken a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. The series began with ashes, then proceeded to salt, water, light, bread, and finally this

week, palms. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind us of God's eternal love in Christ, fill us with renewed hope, and increase our joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.



EASTER LILLIES may be purchased to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the round table in the Narthex.

Deadline for orders:

PALM SUNDAY, 4/2



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd -- 8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6th — 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 7th — 2:00 & 7:00 pm (Prelude Music begins at 1:30 & 6:30)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9th — 8:00 & 10:30 am

Buffet breakfast btwn services -- sign up in Narthex

Join us for the ...

zion Easter Breakfast!

Easter Sunday April 9th
Join us in the Fellowship Hall in between services

Where do you fit? Volunteers are needed:
make egg casseroles (recipe & pan provided),
make fruit salad (bowl provided), help set up,
help clean up, help serve

RSVP on the sign up at the back of the church or email events @zlcb.org



This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

BIBLE VERSE

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Psalm 24:10

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God's blessing on his household and nation. David's psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—What makes someone a good leader? How was David a good king? What are some mistakes he made?
- At Mealtime—When he was young, David played a stringed instrument. Do you play any instruments? How can you use your talents, musical or otherwise, to praise God?
- Something to Do—David often wrote psalms of praise to God. Read a favorite psalm or sing a hymn of praise to God as a family.
- Before Bed—Pray as a family that God would help you to forgive one another, just as God forgave David for his sins.





Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!



There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate Palm Sunday, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; Maundy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross; and Holy Saturday, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!











Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



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