Zion Lutheran Church





March 24th 2019 Third Sunday in Lent



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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.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



- P For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.
- For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;* evil may not | dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;* you hate all evil- | doers.

You destroy those | who speak lies;*
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.* I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;* make your way straight be- | fore me.

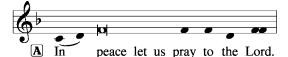
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



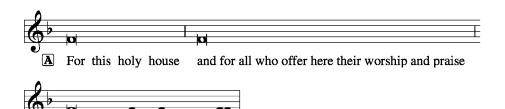


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

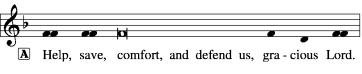






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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 33:7-20

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and

right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

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

10:30am - Grace Ringers - Go to Dark Gethsemane

Epistle- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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- Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT







Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

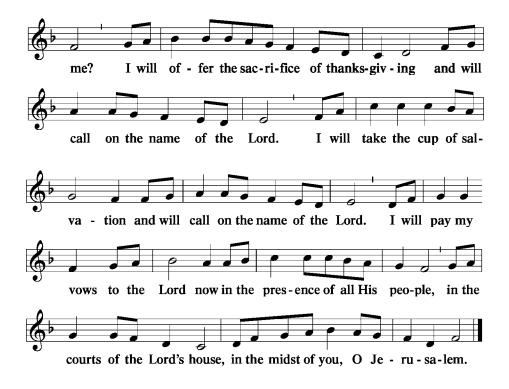
Prayer of the Church

- ...Let us pray to the Lord
- **C** Lord have mercy.

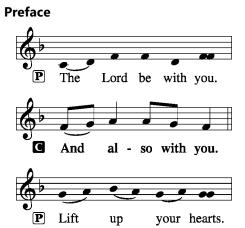
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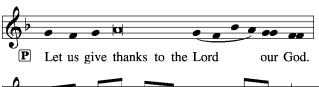


Service of the Sacrament





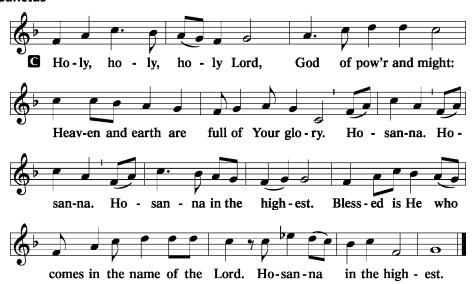
C We lift them to the Lord.



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

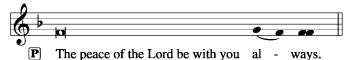
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

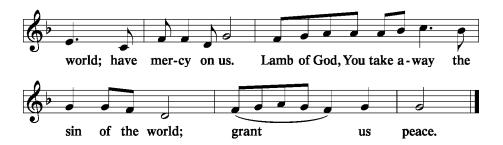
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Agnus Dei





Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

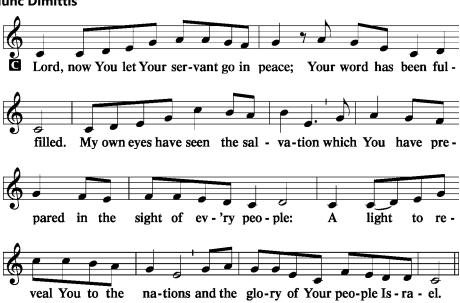
My Song is Love Unknown (Men's Choir 10:30am)

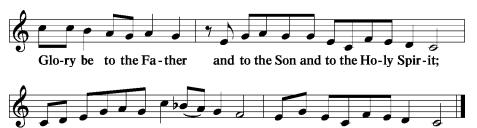
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #803

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling #630

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table #618

Nunc Dimittis





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn - All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg and Dolores Preaux.
- -Healing for: Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Lillian DallaPiazza, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou Neill, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester and Joshua Ulm.
- -For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.
- -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 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.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/17) – 159 Midweek Lenten Worship Attendance (3/20) - 49 Sunday Offering (3/17) - \$4,891.00 Online Offering - \$948.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders:

Bill Bishop & Mike Kroeger
The Acolyte:

Alex Yellig (8:00)

(10:30)

The Greeters: Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00)

Brittany & Norm Dill(10:30)

The Ushers: Brian Pasquini, Megan Pasquini

Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00)

Kari & John Gresh

Dwight & Andy Weldon(10:30)

Altar Guild: Sarah Ali, Janet & Marian Oelschlager

Megan Meyer & Susie Bishop

Acknowledgments

Nursery:

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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March 24th - March 31st

SUNDAY 3/24	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 12:00 PM – Youth Group Fundraiser – Lunch & Music Concert
MONDAY 3/25	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation Class
TUESDAY 3/26	8:00 PM – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY 3/27	6:00 PM – Lenten Family Meal 7:00 PM – Lent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 3/28	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 3/29	
SATURDAY 3/30	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 3/31	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by John & Bobbie Hoelle in Memory of Angeline Hoelle.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by John & Bobbie Hoelle in Memory of Angeline Hoelle.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please silence or turn off your cell phones during service.

BORROW A PUZZLE... Calling all puzzle lovers! Did you know we have puzzles available in the conference room to borrow. Take a puzzle and bring it back when you are done. We also are accepting puzzles you no longer need. No need to check these out this is on the honor system!

YOUTH GROUP... Join us TODAY for a lunch and music concert fundraiser. This is sure to be a great afternoon of food and fellowship!! All funds will go towards the National Youth Gathering Trip in July.

BANNER DONATIONS are still being accepted for our Lent and Advent banner sets. Please mark your check's memo line "banner fund" or write "banner fund" on an envelope for a cash donation.

ADULT CHOIR/MEN'S CHOIR/CHILDREN'S CHOIR...If you have a love of singing and made a resolution to get more involved in church, this is your chance! The vocal choirs of Zion are always looking for more singers. Please see or contact Mark Killinger (killingermued@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in singing. If your schedule is hectic and you can't commit to singing full time, but would like to sing for Good Friday and Easter; please talk with Mark about how we can make that happen.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made for your weekly offering. Go to our website and click on donate and then set up an account. This is an easy way to do your weekly offering when traveling.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery is located in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance)

Youth Group Fundraising!

Join us <u>TODAY</u> after late service. The Youth Group will provide a lunch followed by a Music concert performed by the music ministry groups. Please join us for a great afternoon of fellowship.

Free will offering will be taken. All donations will go towards the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Thank you for your continued support!



Fundraising Tracker!

\$10,345.31 Raised!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24–28, 2019 9AM–NOON



BE A VOLUNTEER!

VBS is a place for people of **ALL** ages!
Anyone from 7th grade thru adult who is interested in sharing God's love with
CHILDREN CAN HELP!!!

BE INVOLVED WITH KIDS.

- ⇒ Crew Leaders and Helpers walk and talk with Kids throughout the day.
- ⇒ VBS NURSERY-GUIDE LITTLE ONES UNDER 3 YEARS OLD
- ⇒ OPENING AND CLOSING SKITS—ASSIST THE DIRECTOR DURING THE OPENING SKIT.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- ⇒ TAKE PICTURES! INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS, GROUP PHOTOS, ACTION SHOTS—A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE GOD AT WORK DURING THE VBS WEEK.
- ⇒ REGISTRATION TEAM—HELP WITH CHECK IN ON MONDAY MORNING.
- ⇒ MONETARY DONATION— CHECKS PAYABLE TO Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School

Our goal is to fill all volunteer positions by April 14th.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY PLACING YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN THE BOX LABELED **ROAR VBS**. EMAIL SUNDAYSCHOOL@ZLCB.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.

2019 ROAR VBS VOLUNTEER FORM
YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

NURSERY HELPER
OPENING & CLOSING SKITS (ZION MEMBER ONLY)
CREW LEADER
PHOTOGRAPHER

YOUR NAME
EMAIL ADDRESS
PHONE #
CELL #

T-SHIRT SIZE



Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



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We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There Jesus was without food for 40 days.

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We remember the temptation of the Israelites in the desert after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!

