

Zion Lutheran Church



March 31st 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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www.zlcb.org

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.

C **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.

C **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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

C **Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

**For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.**

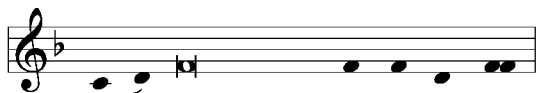
**Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*

and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
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 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
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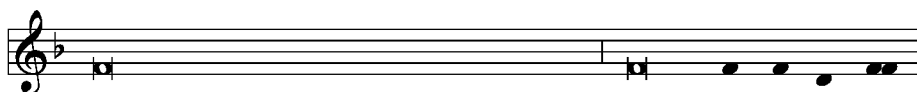
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



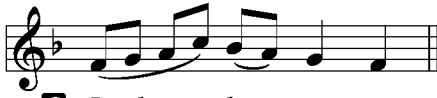
C Lord, have mer - cy.



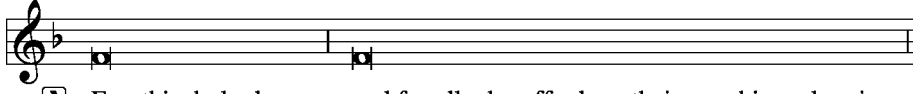
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



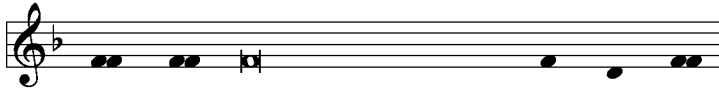
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



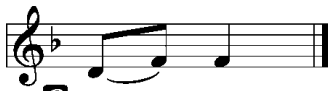
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable:

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn – God Loved the World So That He Gave

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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

P ...Let us pray to the Lord

C Lord have mercy.

Offering

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



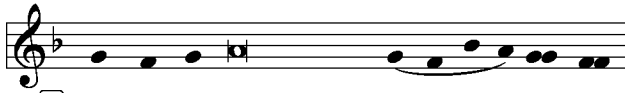
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

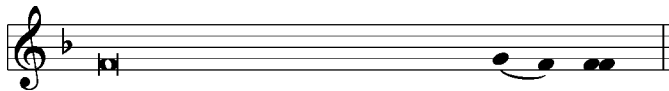
G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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.

Pax Domini



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** #761
- Your Table I Approach** #628
- Here, O Lord, I See Thee Face to Face** #631

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

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

P 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.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing and Joshua Ulm.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For Christopher Malachosky who is deployed in Afghanistan for 9 months.

-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 (3/24) – 158

Midweek Lenten Worship Attendance (3/27) - 54

Sunday Offering (3/24) - \$3,627.00

Online Offering - \$1,453.00

~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:	Sarah Grimenstein (8:00) Jack Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) John & Carrie Lemonovich(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
Nursery:	Marian Oelschlager & Barb Oechslein

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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March 31st – April 7th

SUNDAY 3/31	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 4/1	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation Class
TUESDAY 4/2	
WEDNESDAY 4/3	6:00 PM – Lenten Family Meal 7:00 PM – Lent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 4/4	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 4/5	
SATURDAY 4/6	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 4/7	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 Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in celebration of the marriage of Kristen & Peter Overbagh.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Kathleen & Wayne Conn in memory of Jim Lynch.

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... Thank you to all of those that attended and donated to our music fundraiser. Our next event will be a cinnamon roll breakfast on Sunday April 14th between services.

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 (killingermed@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!

Thank you to all of those that attended last Sunday's lunch and music concert. The donations are greatly appreciated. Our next fundraiser will be on Sunday April 14th. We will have a cinnamon roll breakfast between services. Join us for a yummy breakfast and stay for bible study.



Fundraising Tracker!



\$11,419.31 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:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURSERY HELPER | <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTRATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPENING & CLOSING SKITS (ZION MEMBER ONLY) | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW LEADER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHER | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW HELPER |

YOUR NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____

I ALREADY OWN A GREY ZION T-SHIRT

+ + +
**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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Hey! What happened to the “a” word?

There’s one word we often use in the Church that isn’t used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed “alleluia,” then you are right. We stop singing and saying “alleluia” during Lent and won’t speak it again until Easter morning.

What does “alleluia” mean and why don’t we say it during Lent?

“Alleluia” is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where “alleluia” has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the “a” word.





PALM Sunday Appeal

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) supports regional missions that unite local congregations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. PALM supports student, homeless, blind, deaf, and children’s ministries, and others. PALM also publishes every month *via email The Pittsburgh Lutheran*.

PALM looks forward to bringing a vicar to the Hazelwood neighborhood THIS YEAR to touch that community with the Good News of Jesus Christ through Holy Cross Mission and the Third Annual Hazelwood Community Day. We pray this is the beginning of a growing LCMS presence in that community.

We are appealing directly to the members of our congregations to help PALM establish a solid financial base in order to impact our region with the Gospel. **Please consider a 1-time or recurring gift to support PALM. One half of all monies raised from this appeal will be directed toward Holy Cross Mission. The second half will help to establish an endowment fund to support future mission work in our region.**

Donations may be directed to PALM through your congregation on Palm Sunday, April 14. Or they may be sent directly to PALM, with “PALM Sunday Appeal” in the memo line. **THANK YOU!**

**PALM
535 N. Neville Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213**