

Zion Lutheran Church



March 22nd, 2020
Fourth 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.

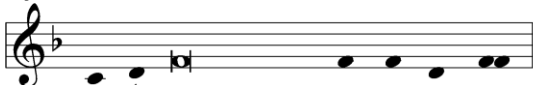
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

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.

C One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life,
 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;
 he will lift me high up- | on a rock.
 And now my head shall be lifted up above my | enemies
 I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.
 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.

A My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,
 for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

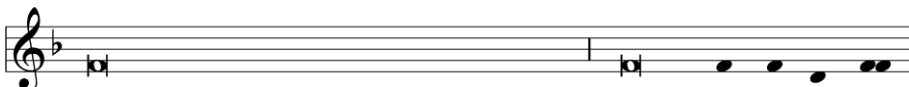
Kyrie



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.



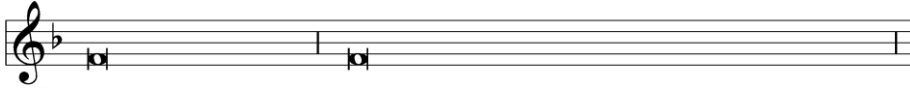
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



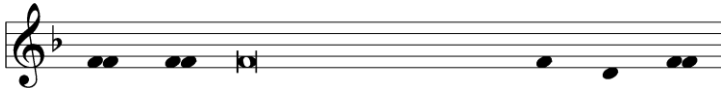
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

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.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,

who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."
Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Duet – O Love That Casts Out Fear (8 am)

From Cantata 45 by J.S. Bach

O Love that casts out fear,
O love that casts out sin,
Oh, stay no more without,
But come and dwell within.

Great love of God come in!
Thou Spring of everlasting peace;
Thou Living Water, come!
Spring up in us and never cease.

True sunlight of the soul,
Surround us as we go;
So shall our way be safe,
Our feet no straying know.

Love of the living God,
Of Father and of Son,
Love of the Holy Ghost,
Make Thou our hearts as one.

Epistle – Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

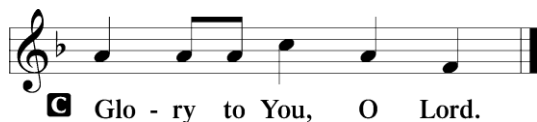
Alleluia and Verse



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in

the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If

this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day – 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 – *(Please fill out the Red Attendance booklet at the end of your pew)*

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.

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.

Collect for Peace

A Let us pray.
O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts
may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from
the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.



Closing Hymn – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Pastor Grimenstein, Judy Bridges, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Jan Nemanick, Ruth Rostron, Steve Johnson, The Watt family, Patti Neill, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, and Tim Fitzgerald.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-**For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.

-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.

† *Service Participants* †

Chair of the Board of Elders:	John Gielarowski
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Mike Kroeger
The Acolyte:	Joshua Grimenstein (8:00) Luke Lemonovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Jim & Mary Lou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Carrie Lemonovich & Stephanie Eckels

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/15) – 109

Midweek Attendance (3/18) - 13

Sunday Offering (3/15) \$6294.00

Online Offering - \$1921.98

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

March 22nd – March 29th

SUNDAY 3/22	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 3/23	6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation conducted online 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation conducted online
TUESDAY 3/24	
WEDNESDAY 3/25	7:00 PM – Lenten Mid-week Service
THURSDAY 3/26	
FRIDAY 3/27	
SATURDAY 3/28	
SUNDAY 3/29	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by John and Roberta Hoelle in memory of Angeline Hoelle.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by John and Roberta Hoelle in memory of Angeline Hoelle.

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.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 10 are needed to sing on Palm Sunday at the 10:30 service. A sign up sheet is posted in the back of the church.

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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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!



Easter Lilly Order Form

Easter Sunday is April 12th

Once again, we will order lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase lilies to beautify the church and to enjoy at home after the Easter service, please fill out this form and place it with your payment in the Easter Lilies Collection Box in the narthex.

The last day to order flowers is Sunday, March 29th. You may take your flowers home with you after the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday.



Lilies are \$8.50 each

Quantity _____ Total _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name of donor(s)


Please circle one: *In Memory of* OR *In Honor of*


Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church
Contact the church office at 412-221-4776 with any questions


What To Do About Coronavirus?


▶ Addressing the spread of
COVID-19, the flu and
other contagions





 **Pray:** Spare Your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

 **Keep Gathering:** It should be our aim to continue to hold regular, physical services while possible. Come if you are well; stay home if you are sick or at increased risk.

 **Keep in Touch:** Organize and know how you will communicate as a congregation, especially if an outbreak occurs in your area and event plans must be changed.

 **Take Care:** Wise personal hygiene practices and simple precautions can help limit the spread of infection.

 **Take Courage:** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). In life we are comforted by the Lord’s precious and very great promises; in death, we await the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

 **Stay Informed:** Look here for up-to-date Pandemic Preparedness and Worship Resources:

- blogs.lcms.org/2020/resource-helps-congregations-plan-for-wide-spread-illnesses
- cdc.gov/coronavirus

