

# Zion Lutheran Church



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Evening Service

Lent – Week 5

## Return to the Kingdom of God

In the conclusion of his First Letter to his co-worker Timothy, Paul encourages his young friend with a shared vision of what is to come as God fulfills all things. He writes of “the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time— He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:14–15). As Jesus stood before Pilate, who seemed to have the full authority of life and death over Him, our Savior knew who He was and what His kingdom was and is and will be. “My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus stated (John 18:36a). With the psalmist, we affirm, “The LORD will reign forever” (Psalm 146:10). The very best and most blessed time under His gracious kingship is yet to be!

# Opening Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest

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1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un-sleeping  
 3 As o'er each con-ti-nent and is-land  
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak-ing  
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev-er,



The dark-ness falls at Thy be-hest;  
 While earth rolls on-ward in-to light,  
 The dawn leads on-an-oth-er day,  
 Thy saints be-neath the west-ern skies,  
 Like earth's proud em-pires, pass a-way;



To Thee our morn-ing hymns as-cend-ed,  
 Through all the world her watch is keep-ing,  
 The voice of prayer is nev-er si-lent,  
 And hour by hour, as day is break-ing,  
 Thy king-dom stands and grows for-ev-er,



Thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.  
 And nev-er rests by day or night.  
 Nor dies the strain of praise a-way.  
 Fresh hymns of thank-ful praise a-rise.  
 Till all Thy crea-tures own Thy sway.

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**P:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C:** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C:** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

+ READINGS +

**First Reading – Isaiah 53:1–3**

Who has believed what they heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For He grew up before Him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,  
and no beauty that we should desire Him.  
He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

**P:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading -- 1 Timothy 2:1–7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**P**: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Third Reading -- John 18:28–38**

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsory**

**P**: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C:** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P:** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

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**C:** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

### Sermon Hymn -- Break Your Hearts



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing    And your pride in two,  
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing,    Hung up - on the tree.  
3 Gath - er all in num - ber    From both far and near;



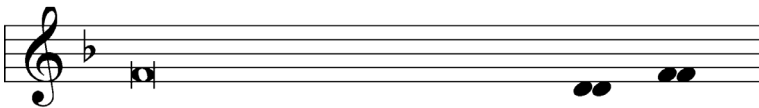
Ash and grief a - dorn - ing    Your re - pen - tance true.  
It is vain de - ny - ing    What is plain to see:  
E - ven those in slum - ber    Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing,    From your God dis - cern  
While His heart is break - ing,    Still your God will earn  
When the Lord grants bless - ing,    Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing:    To your Lord re - turn.  
Free - dom in the mak - ing.    To your Lord re - turn.  
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing;    To your Lord re - turn.



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

### Magnificat



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



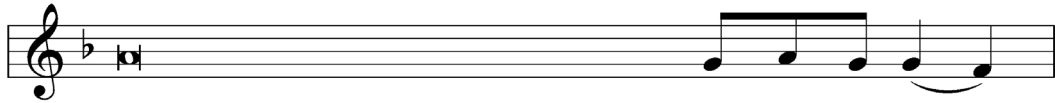
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



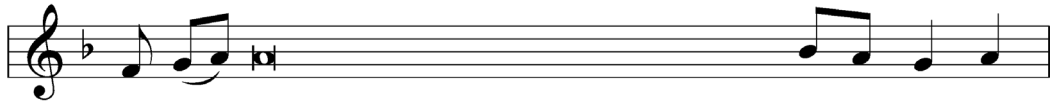
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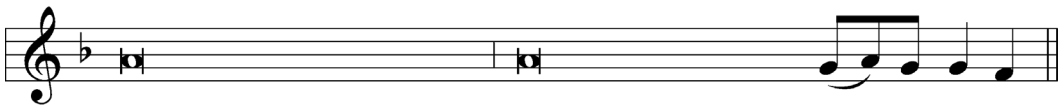
**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



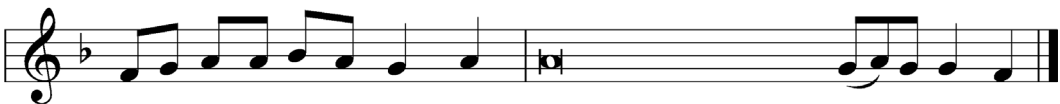
**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



**C** 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.

+ PRAYER +



## Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## 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.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Distribution

## Collects

**P:** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C: And let my cry come to You.**

**P:** Almighty God, Your kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. Instead of instead of favoritism, You reign by serving all. Help us not to fall into the ways of the kingdoms of this world, but to welcome Your gracious reign in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**



## Closing Hymn: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

#423

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;

Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?

Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;

Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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