

# Zion Lutheran Church



March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Fourth 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. 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](http://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 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 after the service, or call the church office.

## Opening Hymn – Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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- 1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit – *Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*



**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 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;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Men’s Choir – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** (8:00 am)

**Faith Bell Choir – Go to Dark Gethsemane** (10:30 am)

### **Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16–21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel**

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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: . . .

“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

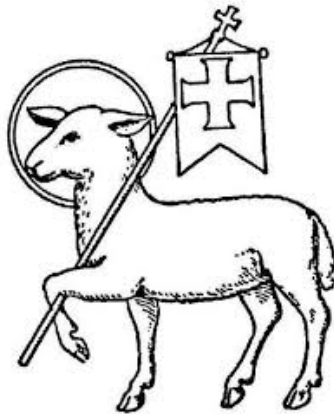
journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**C** 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 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day – God Loved the World So That He Gave #571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

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## Sermon

## Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un-to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un-to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 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 com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

### 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.

## 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

### Distribution Hymns

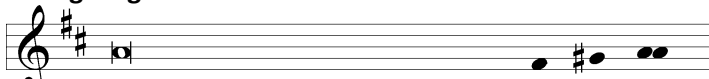
Jesus Sinners Doth Receive	#609
Christ, the Life of All the Living	#420
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	#438

### Nunc Dimittis

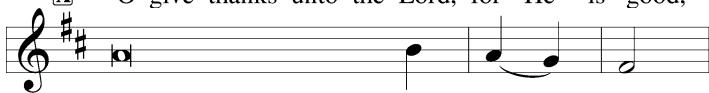


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

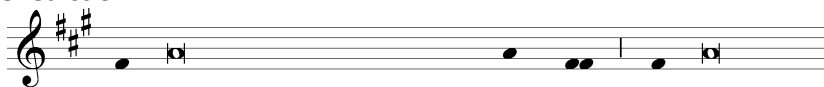


**A** Bless we the Lord.

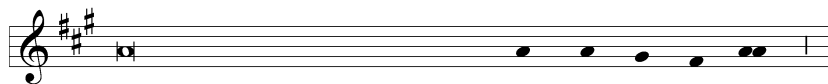


**C** Thanks be to God.

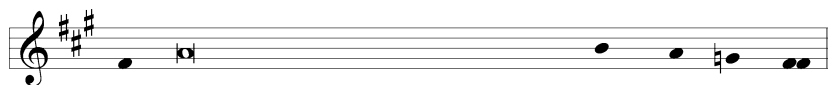
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**□** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Hymn – What Wondrous Love Is This #543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### ***The Church:***

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-**Healing for:** Barb Fisher, Dale Hesse, Mike Wallace, Paisley (a young friend of Joan Cisko), Darrell Molinari, Jennifer Meyer, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rose, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, Eva Bukovitz, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### ***The World:***

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### ***Our Nation:***

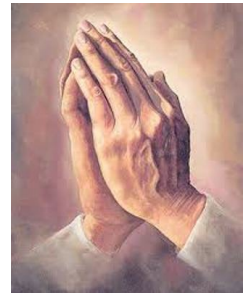
-For our leaders and government officials.

-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 †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Bob Schmidt, Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Lindsey Liberatore (8:00) Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)
The Ushers:	Ava & Megan Pasquini, Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian O., Megan P., Barb O., Diana S.

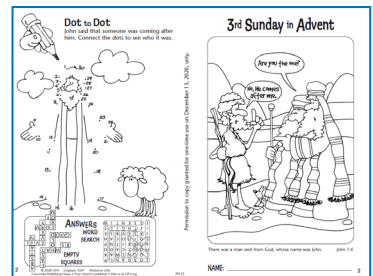
**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Zion to the Glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Alice Peterson in memory of husband, Russell.



**EASTER LILLIES** may be purchased to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms on the round table in the Narthex. Deadline for orders: NEXT SUN. 4/3.

**PARENTS ...** children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the concepts and themes for that week's worship service in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church, or take them home to use later! Also, be sure to guide your child through the "Kids in the Divine Service" page found on the last page of each bulletin.



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/20) – 45 (8 am); 70 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (3/23) – 19 (2 pm); 46 (7 pm)

Plate Offerings (3/20) – \$2897 Online Offering (3/20) – \$1950

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*

## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>3/27</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>3/28</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation 7:15 PM -- Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>3/29</b>	
<b>WED</b> <b>3/30</b>	2:00 PM – Lenten Worship 6:00 PM – Dinner in Fellowship Hall (BBQ Pork Dinner) 7:00 PM – Lenten Worship
<b>THU</b> <b>3/31</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>4/1</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>4/2</b>	
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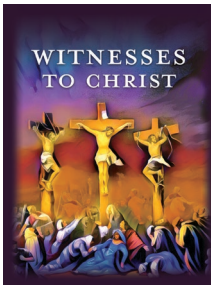
*Join us for the return of...*  
**ZION'S EASTER  
BREAKFAST!**

Easter Sunday April 17th

*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](mailto:events@zlcb.org)**



## Join us Wednesdays during Lent

Zion will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon spoken service at 2pm and our regular 7pm service. **We will explore the theme "Witnesses to Christ: People from the Passion"**. Prior to the evening services, we'll have a casual dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm.

Wed. 3/30 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services (6 pm Pork BBQ dinner)

Wed. 4/6 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services (6 pm Taco dinner)

*Please sign-up for the dinners in the Narthex to help with planning.*

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### A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving Commemorating the Anniversary of our Synod

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Oakmont  
Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 PM

Sponsored by Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER  
Rev. Dr. David Stechholz  
Bishop Emeritus, English District-LCMS

*Reception Sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Ministries*

**Join Us!**



## This Week in Sunday School

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

### BIBLE VERSE

Christ died for our sins.

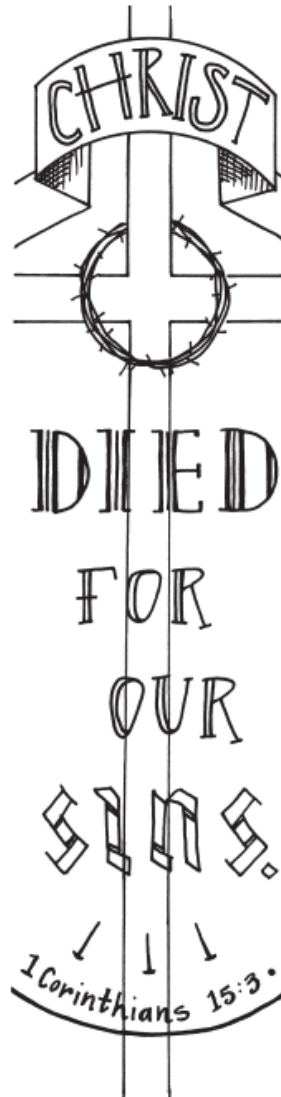
1 Corinthians 15:3

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—At Jesus' trials, the judges wanted to know the truth. Tell the truth about Jesus.
- ▶ *At Mealtime*—Pilate gave orders that Jesus should be killed even though he knew Jesus was innocent. Why did this happen? You deserve death because you are guilty of sinning, yet God gives you life. Why does this happen?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—As a family, make a mosaic cross from torn squares of colored paper.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Why did God the Father forsake Jesus while He was crucified? Because Jesus suffered and died in your place, what precious gift do you receive?



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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
+ + +



**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.



