

March 26, 2023 • Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 and 11:30am



Zion lutheran
church

WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday and extends until Holy Week (the week before Easter). Traditionally, Lent is a time of greater self-examination and repentance for one's sins. In our sinfulness, we also remember that we are dust and will return to dust again.

Even as our worship becomes more somber during this season, we continually remember God's mercy, which is everlasting. We confess our sins; God forgives them. We come to God's table; God feeds us. We are never far from the Lord's presence with us, and his love remains forever.

ON THE COVER

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.

PRELUDE

9:00

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ - BWV 639 by J.S. Bach

Tyler Westbrook,
Organist

Translation: I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ

11:30

Praise for the Morning arr. Michael E. Akers

Handbells

WELCOME

Please rise, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

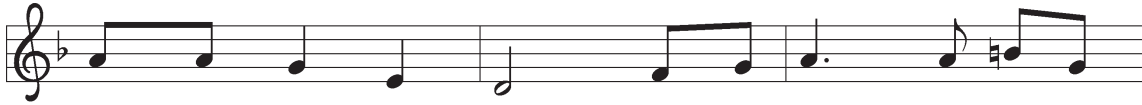
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Cantor, then all:

(Invocation) Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

Refrain

Robert Buckley Farlee



I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. *Refrain.*

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. *Refrain.*

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning. *Refrain.*

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Refrain.*

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

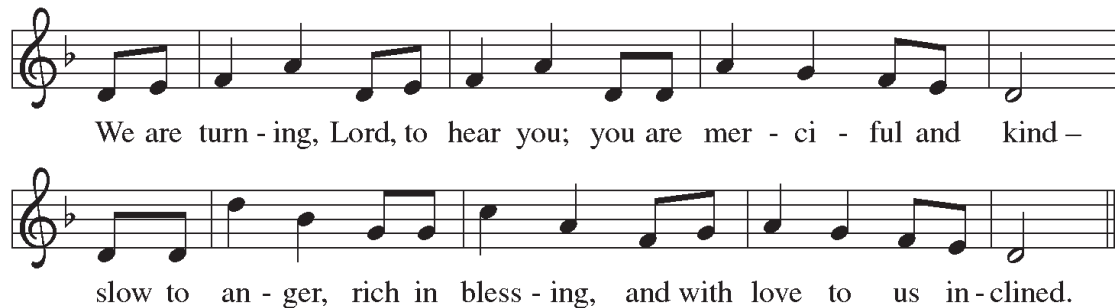
⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

Lazarus
Spark Children's Bible Page 440

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Please be seated.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light

is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY
 What Wondrous Love is This



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
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's 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.

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 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition is spoken; please respond as directed by singing:



Out of the depths I cry to you, — O Lord God, hear me call - ing. —

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with a long horizontal line indicating a breath or a pause in the music.

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We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the back pages of this bulletin for additional announcements.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

OFFERING

At this time, we give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit ZionSA.org. Children are invited to come forward during the music and place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel area (near the Sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table with the elements for Holy Communion. Please know that this is the Lord's table, and all are welcome to receive Communion.

OFFERING MUSIC

9:00	<i>O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High</i> by Michael Larkin	Chancel Choir
11:30	<i>There is a Fountain Filled With Blood</i> arr. Jason Krug	Handbells

Please rise, as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness
of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim
the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread
and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and
moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION

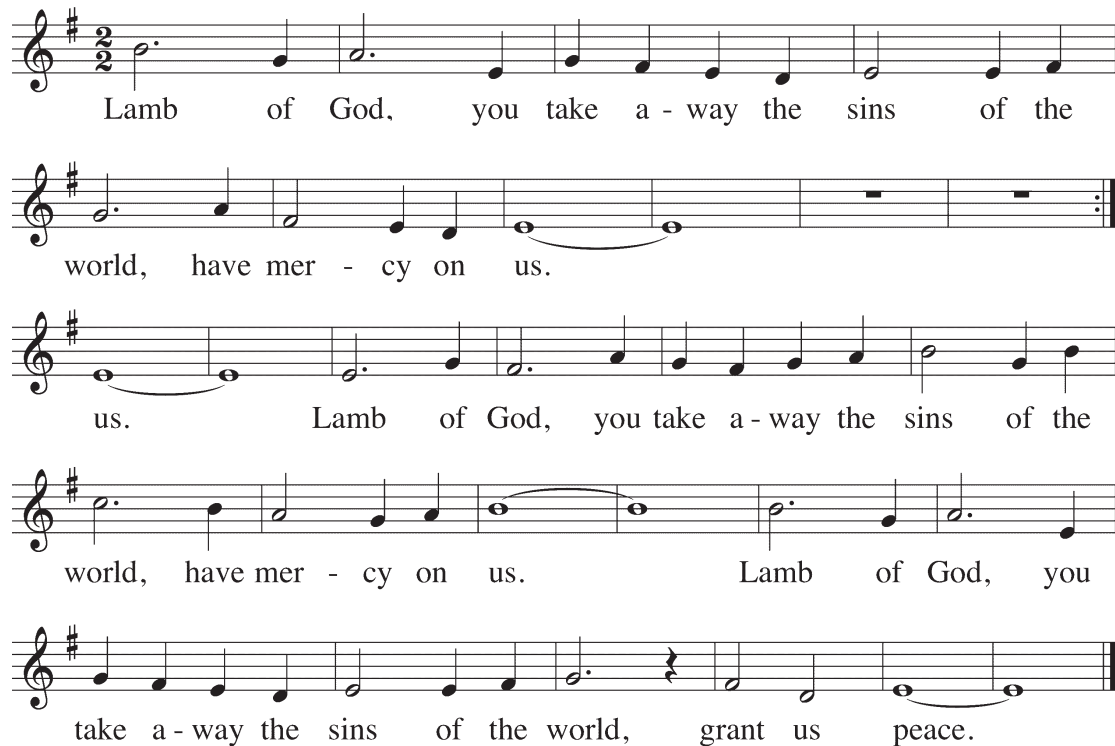
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes all to this holy meal! Children who commune should be assisted by adults who are with them. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray for any who are unable to drink wine. After taking Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

Ave Verum Corpus by Franz Liszt

Chancel Choir

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of Mary the Virgin;
truly suffering, sacrificed on the cross for mankind;
from Whose pierced side flowed water and blood.
Be to us a foretaste at death's trial.

11:30

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy arr. Jason Krug

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN
Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.

BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

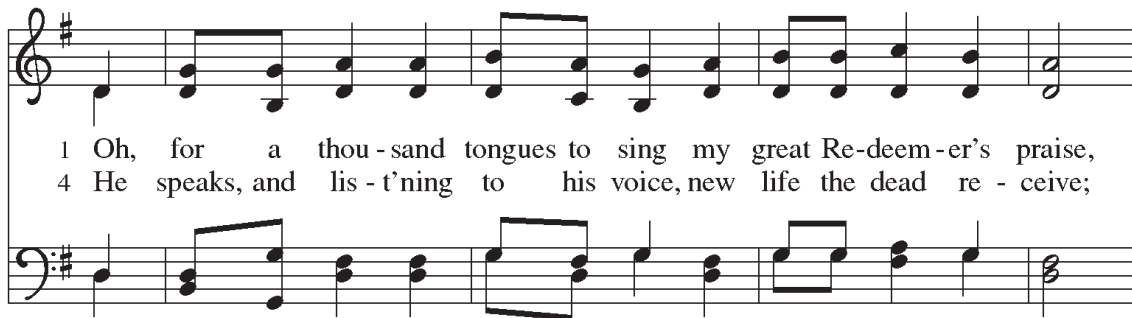
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

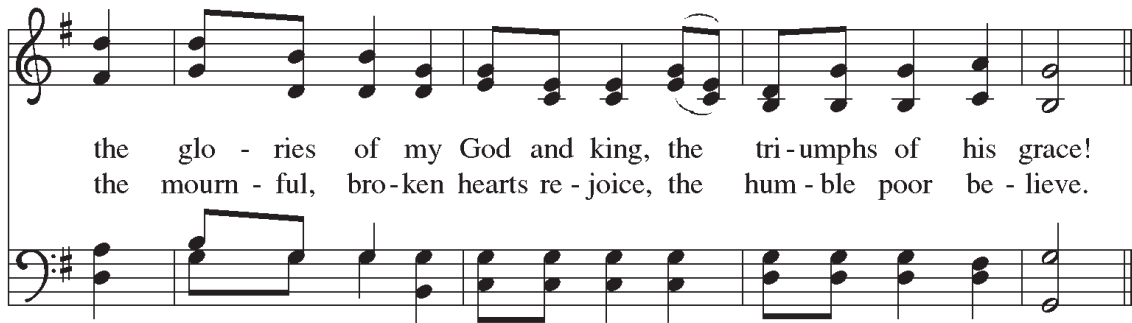
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ by G.P. Telemann

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.

**THIS
WEEK
AT
ZION**



*Scan QR code for
this month's
calendar*

Sunday, March 26

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
Adult Class: Week Ahead	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Adult Class: Habits of the Household	10:15	MC 1 (final class)
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Tuesday, March 28

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Council Mtg	6:30	FH
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanc Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	Ministry Ctr 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, March 29

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Midweek Lenten Worship Services	1:00 & 6:30	Church 1/Chapel
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Book Study with Pr Kathi	7pm	Zoom
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Training	7pm	FLC 101

Saturday, April 1

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
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Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Palm Sunday Event	10:15	Details page 20
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Worship Support

March Altar Guild
Randalyn Nickel
Eileen & Mel Berg, Sharon Meade
Karen Umlang, Susan Wright

Bread Offering
Karen Umlang

Lay Readers
9:00

Jake Apodaca

11:30

Mike Dehart

Cantor

Amy Mikulski

Communion Servers

9:00

Linda Hoffman, Brinkley Harrell

11:30

Steve Johnson

Livestream

Steve Johnson

David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

March Ushers

9:00

Shannon and Gus Rios

Mary Jo and Paul Goldenbaum

Carolyn Pfeiffer

11:30

Pam Gammage, Caleb DeHart

Kim and Mike DeHart

Chris Berg

Sunday Faith Formation

Children

Music Opening in MC 1 at 10:15. Children age three years and older meet in the Ministry Center Room 1 for opening music with Ms. Sammy, then go to classrooms.

Youth Classes

Grade 5-7	MC Room 5
Grade 8-9	MC Room 7
Grade 10-12	MC Room 8

Next Sunday

Intergenerational Palm Sunday Event at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Details on page 20.

Adult Classes

Week Ahead Bible Study

10:15 at with Pastor Kathi, in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look at the lessons we have in worship each week. What's their context? How do we make sense of them as 21st century Christians? *No class on Palm Sunday or Easter. Resumes April 16.*

Habits of the Household

Led by Pastor Dan at 10:15 in MC 1. Last meeting is today.

Adults are invited to the Intergenerational Palm Sunday event next week. Details on next page.

Blessed Change Today

Benefiting NW Church of Christ's Food Pantry



Dig down into your pockets, crawl under the car seat and dump out your purse to find something to drop into the water well in the narthex today. Your spare change (and folding money, too!) will go to support the community food pantry next door to Zion.

NW Church of Christ has a permanent space on their campus, open twice a week for local residents to pick up pantry staples. Zion staff often directs people seeking food assistance to NW Church of Christ's facility.

San Antonio Food Bank provides the vast majority of foodstuffs, but our monetary donations will be used to purchase some extras to round out a few more meals. Specify Food Pantry on your check or digital donation; scan the QR or go to myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-12GYC.



Vanco Special

Women of Zion

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



WOZ@zionsa.org

March WOZ Events

- **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, March 28 - Trip to Kerrville's *Coming King Scripture Prayer Gardens*. Leave Zion at 9am and arrive at the Gardens 10am. Lunch at *Cafe at the Ridge Bakery, Gift & Garden Shop*, 11:30-1pm, and arrive back at Zion by 2:30. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 19; scan the QR or email WOZ@zionsa.org.

Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

April 2 at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited to enter into Holy Week as a congregation. Hear the story “Jesus and Jerusalem,” and work your way through activities marking the days of Holy Week: consider Jesus’ commandment to love one another (Maundy Thursday); decorate a square for a congregational “Good Friday Cross Quilt” to be displayed in the Ministry Center hallway; create a Holy Week Box with objects showing Jesus’ final days, for family use at home; and more!

All are invited – this is in place of regular adult and children/youth classes on Palm Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, at 10:30am

Hunt on Zion’s campus for eggs, plus hear the story “The Legend of the Easter Eggs” and decorate your own eggs! Optional potluck lunch afterwards. Use this QR to RSVP for both for hunt and/or potluck, or go to signupgenius.com/go/70a084caee2fa6fb6-zion7



Donations of non-melting candy to go inside small plastic eggs are needed. You can bring candy now through April 6. Collection baskets are in the narthex and gazebo!

The Sound of Music, April 21, 22, 23 28, 29, 30

Show only seats* Adults\$15
 Child < 11\$10

Tickets are on sale today in the gazebo, where Sammy can assist you with seat selection and payments by cash, check or credit card.

At home, you can scan this QR code or use the button link at the bottom of Zion’s webpage, zionsa.org. Choose your seating, set up an account in Book Tix, and pay with a credit card. Call the church office if you need help.



** All dinner seating is sold out.*

Lent and Holy Week

March 29 Worship in Church 1

1:00 and 6:30pm Lenten worship services, with holy communion, in Zion’s historic chapel (Church 1).

Palm Sunday April 2

- Worship services at 9:00 and 11:30am, including procession with palms and holy communion.
- Everyone is invited to an intergenerational Palm Sunday event in Fellowship Hall at 10:15. No Sunday classes April 2 or Easter Sunday.

April 5 Midweek Worship in Church 1

1:00 and 6:30pm weekly Wednesday evening service.

Maundy Thursday April 6

1:00 in Church 1, and 7:00pm in Church 3. Worship services with holy communion.

Good Friday April 7

1:00 in Church 1 and 7:00pm in Church 3. Service of Tenebrae, or darkness.

Easter Egg Hunt April 8

10:30am in the Fellowship Hall and campus.

Easter Sunday April 9

8:00 9:45 11:30

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Date Change for Zion Zippers, April 3

Come and join the Zion Zippers at 6:00pm on April 3 for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The whole congregation is invited to bring a dish or two to share, along with your own plate and utensils if you can. Invite a friend, too!

After dinner, the *Fire on the Mountain Cloggers* will entertain. For forty years, their intricate footwork and lively bluegrass music have showcased the cultures that influence American clogging: Irish, German, and English. Guaranteed to bring a smile to your face!

The May Zippers event is back to the regular schedule on the second Monday, May 8.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Report

A number of Zion members and friends have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars donation to Zion Lutheran Church. Due to their generosity, Zion received \$1,827 in 2022. These dollars are used to further the ministries here and support community outreach. *Thank you Thrivent members!*

Most Needed at CAM

Christian Assistance Ministry

- Monetary Donations - specify CAM on your check in the offering plate or scan QR for CAM's donor website.
- Volunteers!
- Refrigerator (new or gently used) - contact Susan Johns or the church office.



CAM

Other items can go in the big yellow buckets behind the stairs in the narthex:

- Men's Underwear of all sizes (new)
- Men's Walking Shoes Sizes 10-13
- Men's Work Boots of all sizes
- Women's Bras - larger sizes
- Universal Socks
- Boxes of Cereal



**Zion is a
Stephen Ministry Church!**
Stephen Ministry Training Update
Please pray for our Stephen Ministers as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills. Here is what they are learning this week:

**SESSION 4—
DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN CARING (PART 1)**

This is the first of two sessions on distinctively Christian caring. Stephen Ministers explore the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for another, drawing on the resources of prayer, witnessing, the Bible, forgiveness, blessings, and more.

An important motto of Stephen Ministry is “The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the curegiver.” This training session underscores this Christ-centered focus for Stephen Ministers.

If you would like to request help from a Stephen Minister, contact LeShea Clabough by calling the Zion office, 210-688-3090

Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:30

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the right.

Bring your own project to work on, or check what’s in the cabinets.

Quilting for LWR

Thursdays at 9:30am

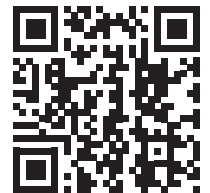
Come to the Fellowship Hall to create simple quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These durable quilts are sent all over the world to be used as bedding, room dividers, and shelter. All skill levels, including beginners are welcome!

*Your
generosity
empowers
Zion's
ministry.*

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion’s impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we’re able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion’s mission, scan this QR code.



**MARCH 26, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Jesus weeps with us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus
Monday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Valley of dry bones
Tuesday	Romans 8:6-11	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Hosea 11:1-9	God's love for God's people
Thursday	Isaiah 53:4-12	The suffering servant
Friday	Luke 19:41-44	Jesus weeps over Jerusalem
Saturday	Psalm 130	Trusting in the Lord in times of trouble
Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him [Lazarus]!"
John 11:35-36 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, we are in awe of how you grieve with us and conquer sin and death so that we may experience eternal life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for coming to us in Jesus, just as your constant love comes to us through this gift of food that gives us life each day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace and joy through Christ our Lord.



MARCH 26, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus is a Rock in a
Weary Land*



taking **+**
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you find comfort when something bad happens?
- Jesus cried over Lazarus' death. How does crying help in times of sadness?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 11:1-45.

Jesus' divinity and humanity are on full display in this story. Jesus knows that Lazarus has died. Jesus goes to Bethany to bring Lazarus back to life. Jesus announces, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die"* (vv. 25-26). Jesus has power over life and death yet he weeps. Jesus, fully divine is also fully human, and he experiences the pain and sadness of the final enemy, death itself. The Apostle Paul writes of flesh and Spirit in Romans 8. For Paul, the flesh is not an earthly matter. Flesh is the power of sin that turns us away from God. The Spirit brings life born of God. Both Paul and Jesus recognize the Holy Spirit and the power of sin and death that remain in our world and in our lives. Sin is not just a personal weakness. It is a power that needs to be vanquished. Because of this destructive power, Jesus weeps. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory. Christ shares our tears over death, the final enemy to be conquered.

Discuss: How does believing in Jesus give you comfort during times of death and loss?

Pray: **Compassionate God, we give you our thanks and praise that in Jesus Christ you take on our humanity, weep with us, and give us hope by conquering sin and death. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you comfort someone who is going through tough times?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. This week decide where you will donate the money from the Almsgiving Box you have had in your home during Lent. Deliver the money to where it can be distributed to those in need.

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for the blessings in our lives. Help us to be aware of those in need and give of our time, money, and care for others in response to your great love. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org