

Zion Lutheran Church



Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome! Your presence today is a blessing!

Zion Lutheran Church has long been known as a Beacon in the Valley. We invite you to join us as we share Christ's love from One Generation to Another.



Our Mission

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others

Our Vision

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

Our Top Ministry Priorities for 2022

- **Engagement and Outreach**
- **Education**
- **Stewardship**

Welcome to worship. We are so happy you are here.. There are bathrooms located just outside the sanctuary or near the entrance. If you need any other assistance, ask a usher and she or he will be happy to assist you.

The Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of Holy Communion Zion Lutheran Church

GATHERING

The assembly gathers in silence and may remain seated for the reciting of Psalm 51. Please join in unison.

**☩ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Please rise.

***GLORIA PATRI**

**☩ Glory 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**

***GREETING**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

**☩ The word of the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

**☩ The word of the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**☩ The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.
☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* ELW 319

INVITATION TO LENT

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister will invite the assembly into the discipline of Lent.

CONFESSION OF SIN

- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Congregation may either sit or kneel during confession.

Most holy and merciful God,

☑ **We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

☐ We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

☐ Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

☐ Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

☐ Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

☐ Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

G **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

G **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

G **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

P Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless † all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People may come forward and stand to receive the ashes. Please form one line and come forward to receive the ashes. The Minister will mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

G **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

G **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P Come back to the Lord with all your heart; lave the past in ashes, and turn to God with tears and fasting, for he is slow to anger and ready to forgive. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in † eternal life.

G **Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

ANTHEM

Coming Home (684)
- Kirkpatrick/McDonald

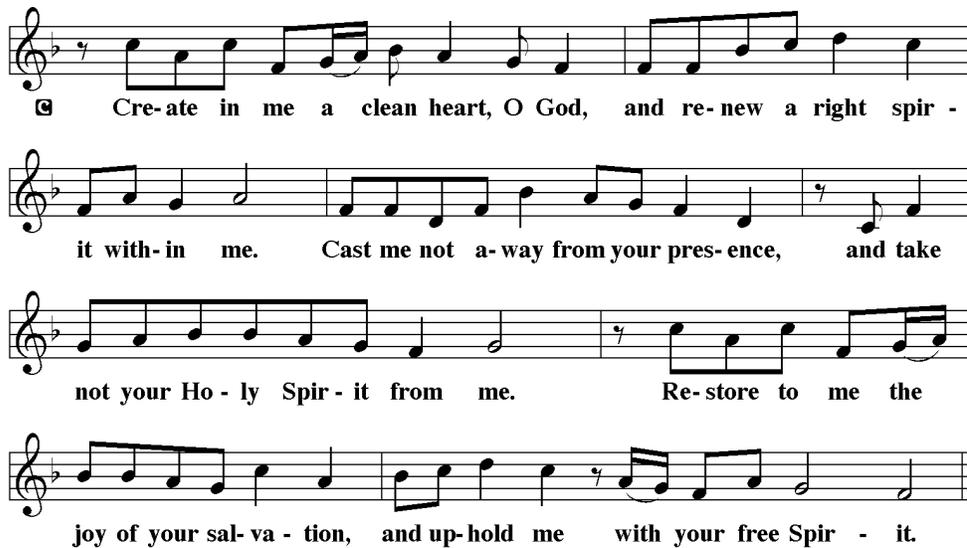
OFFERING

During this special music offering, we ask that you consider how you can support the work and mission at Zion through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or drop your Offering in the offering plate next to the bulletins. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



*OFFERTORY

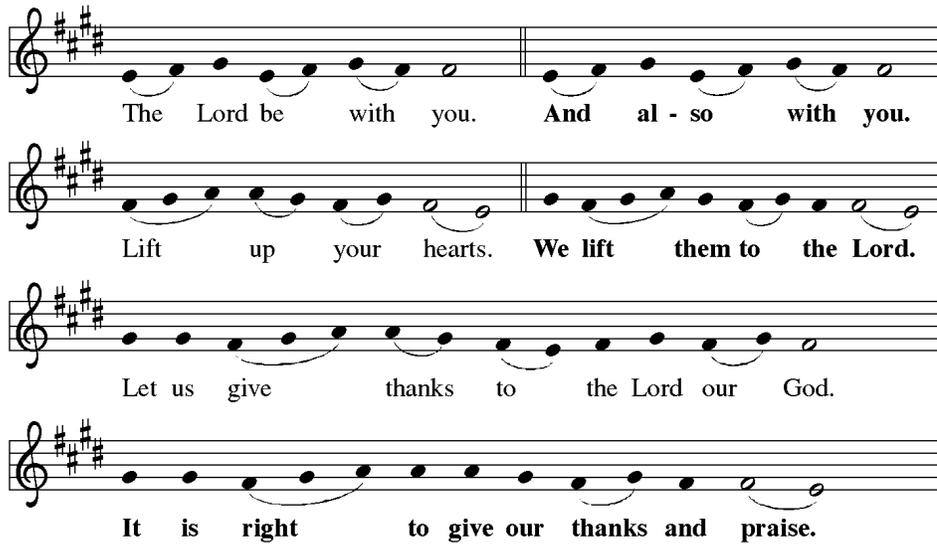
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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

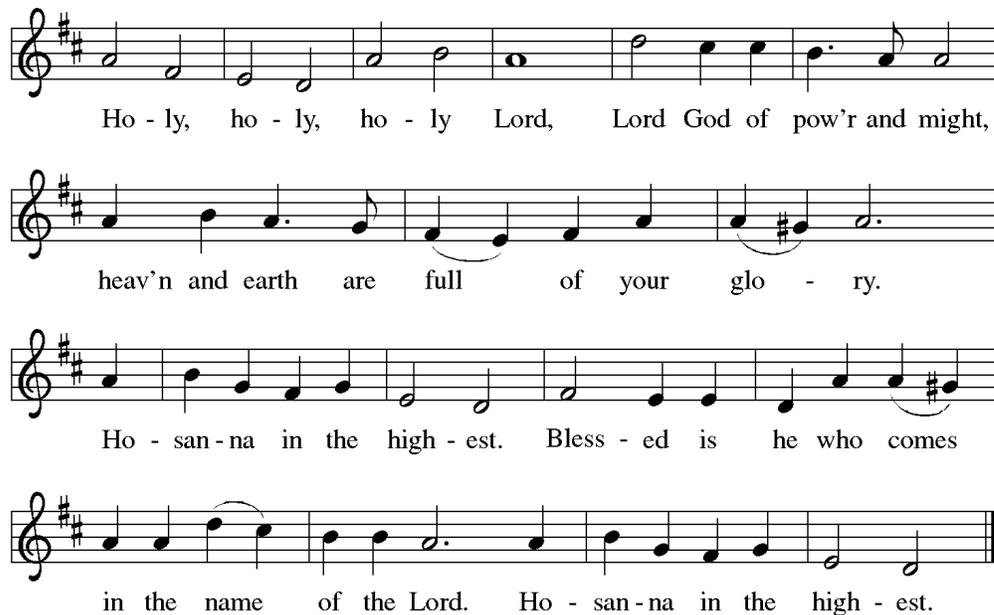
*DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*PROPER PREFACE

*SANCTUS



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

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (R Amen.)**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

☒ 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 TO COMMUNION**

☐ When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

☒ Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to the disciples.

***AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. Please be mindful of physical distancing as you come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to trays in the windows. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister says a table blessing.

P The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

***CONCLUDING PRAYER (R Amen.)**

***BLESSING (R Amen.)**

***HYMN**

The Glory of These Forty Days

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***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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Zion Prayer List 02-20-2022

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Ken Olander, Meghan and Jacob Holter and Willow and Marlowe Holter, Bob Guyton, Sarah Gladhill, Skippy Zimmerman, Anna Hough, Fran Wilson, Jackie Bello, Kathi Hayter, Meredith Kinna, Peggy Kinna, Shirley Smith, Anna Kepler, Wanda Watson, Marianna Bere, Donna Musser, Chuck Rapp, Benson Kinna, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Ruth Davis, Jessica Catechis, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.



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