

Zion Lutheran Church



***11a.m. Traditional Worship
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024***

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

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

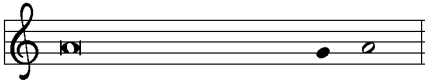
*GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℞ **And also with you.**)

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



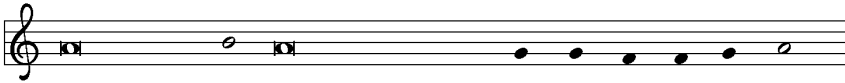
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (R Amen.)**

FIRST READING (R Thanks be to God.)

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

PSALMODY

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- ¹ den from them;**

but when they cry out, ¹ the Lord hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts ¹ live forever! R

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the Lord,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,

saying to them, "The ¹ Lord has acted!" R

***GOSPEL VERSE**



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.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 8:31-38

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW 667

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE (℣ And also with you.)**

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



ANTHEM

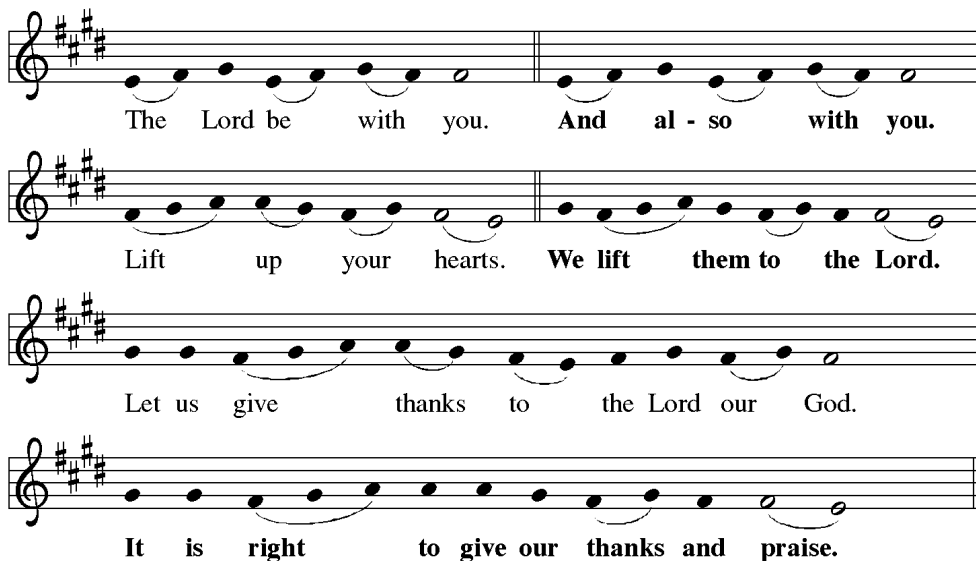
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Worship Choir

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*SURSUM CORDA

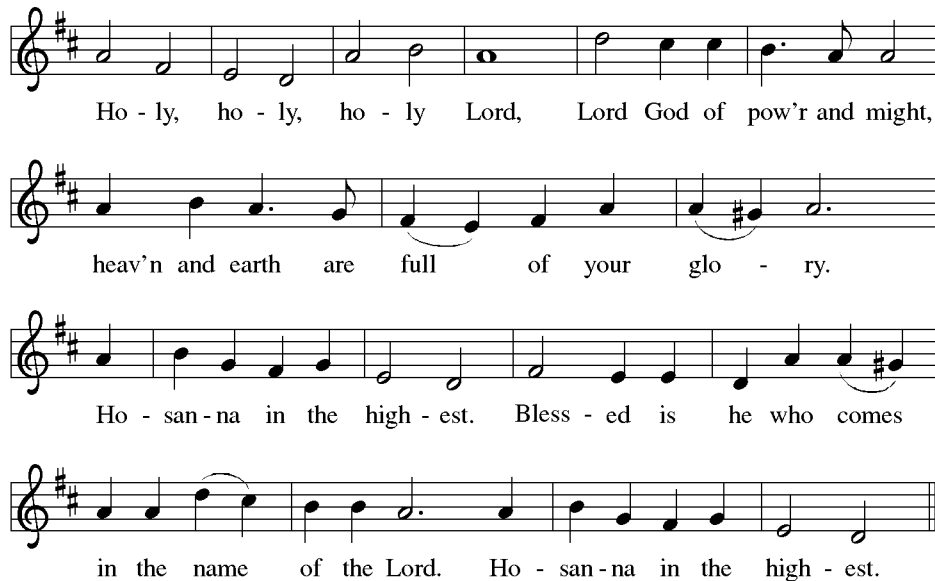


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (☩ Amen.)

***THE 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

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 THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (R Amen.)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (R Amen.)

*BENEDICTION (R Amen.)

*SENDING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

*DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

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

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Servants in God's House

February 25, 2024

11a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)

Dorothy Moler (Acolyte)

Joe McIntosh (Crucifer)

Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)

Bob Rockwell (Lector)

Lee Ropp (Head Usher)

Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)

Linda Sanders (Comm Assist)

Karol Koogle (Sound System)

Bob Staples (Livestream)

Servants in God's House

March 3, 2024

11a.m.

(Greeter)

(Acolyte)

(Crucifer)

(Asst Minister)

(Lector)

(Head Usher)

(Sanctuary Usher)

(Comm Assist)

(Sound System)

(Livestream)

Servants in God's House (S.I.G.H.) sometimes gets edited after the bulletin is printed. For the most correct S.I.G.H. Schedule, always visit our website at www.ZionMiddletown.org and click on the Members Area tab. Scroll down to the middle of the page and you will find a link to the most up-to-date schedule! And thank you for volunteering to be a Servant in God's House today!

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.



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Summers on his 60th birthday by the family



Zion Prayer List 2-25-2024

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

Tim Quinn, Joe Elliot, Linda Jaath, Beth H., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Evelyn Hawker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Marianna Bere, Julie Swiney, Family of Isabella Kelly, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, John Wiegand, Deborah Shinault, Ron Trusty, Lucretia Reaves, Jessie Maxwell, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Dawn Shinault, Linda Crummitt, Frank Roys, Cathy Baker, Gary, Kay & Michael Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazek, The Hubble Family, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Linda Huckleberry, Nancy Newkirk, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Anna Kepler, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

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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