

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026***

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

*The Deutsche Messe (German Mass), D 872, is a hymn-cycle by Franz Schubert written in 1827. Neither a Mass nor strictly speaking German, it was published in Vienna as what it is: Gesänge zur Feier des heiligen Opfers der Messe (Hymns for the Celebration of the Holy Offering of Mass). The Deutsche Messe stems from a tradition of low masses, settings of religious texts in vernacular languages in Austria and southern Germany. It was commissioned by Johann Philipp Neumann, who was interested in simple music designed to appeal to "the widest possible congregation". Neumann wrote the German hymns, which Schubert scored in a block-chordal, homophonic style, suitable for congregational singing. Schubert commenced the work in December 1826, completing and publishing it in 1827. Neumann had previously written the libretto for Schubert's unfinished opera, Shakuntala. Schubert intended it for usage in Catholic church service. However, censorship prevented this from taking place; it was not approved for liturgical use. The work has since gained popularity and has been translated into other languages. One other note, the Canticle of Praise and the Offertory were not written by Schubert. The ELW does not include Schubert's Gloria and Offertory. Instead, we are going to Decius hymn Freylinghausen's canticle. While they are not written by Schubert, they still fit in to the general theme and style of Schubert's liturgy.*

*\*Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

Kirk Denton, organ

### **\*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.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen**

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### **\*HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

ELW 666

### **\*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℣ And also with you.)**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (℣ Amen.)**

**FIRST READING (℣ Thanks be to God.)**

Genesis 12:1-4a

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
my help comes from the LORD.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the psalm, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Psalm 121:1-2

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**PSALM PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1-17

*(After the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*God Loved the World*

ELW 323

**\*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.*



**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Such is the Love of God*  
-Douglas Nolan

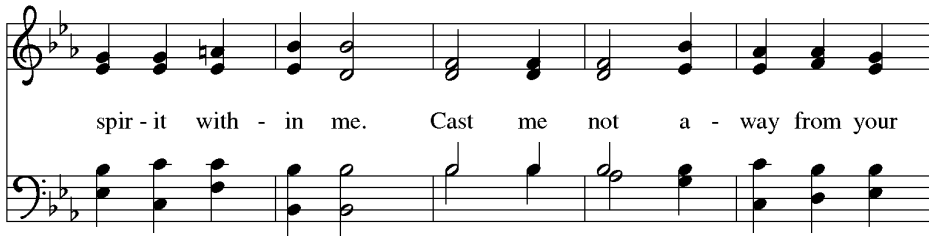
Worship Choir

**\*OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

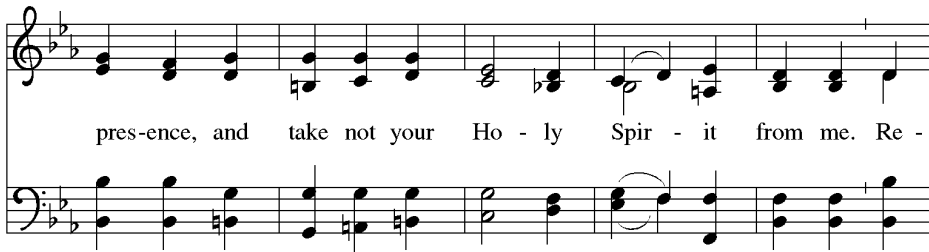
ELW 188



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

**\*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

ELW 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, 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 of the Lord.

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

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**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

ELW 152

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

**\*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**

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er 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.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Kirk Denton, organ

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

**\*BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

**\*HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

**\*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**

Kirk Denton, organ

**Servants in God's House**

**March 1, 2026**

**11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

(Greeter)

Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)

Doug Davis (Asst Minister)

Pat McIntosh (Lector)

Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)

Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)

Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)

9 am (Sound System & Livestream)

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**Servants in God's House**

**March 8, 2026**

**11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

Lee Ropp (Greeter)

Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)

Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)

Gene Appleby (Lector)

Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)

Jim Huckleberry (Sanctuary Usher)

Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)

Doug Davis (Sound System & Livestream)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our wife and mom, Linda Crummitt, on her birthday, March 3, by Kenneth, Wayne, and Heather and family

The coffee and donuts are sponsored by Ike and Lois Ahalt in memory of departed loved ones



### **Zion Prayer List 3-1-2026**

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

Jennifer Moss, Jeremy Bergman, Nancy Smith, Lawrence Webber, Wes Keller, Linda Wiles, Pat McIntosh, Mike Lingertot, Jo Ahalt, Kieffer Crummitt, Sr., Heather Pendleton, Bridget Ely, Carrie Basler, Jim Hoover, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Karen Summers, Peggy Kinna, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Ronnie Jessen, Beth Reed, Diana Fath, Shirley Hyssong, Ronnie Kinna, Dave Gouker, Richard Brandenburg, Vicki Ringwelski, J. Richard Staples, The Gunsallus Family, Samn Huffer, Eric Kinna, Linda Stottlemyer, Anita, Gary, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, 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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