

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Kirk Denton, organ

– Camil Van Hulse

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

***HYMN**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

***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.

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

I Will Lift Up My Eyes
-John Carter

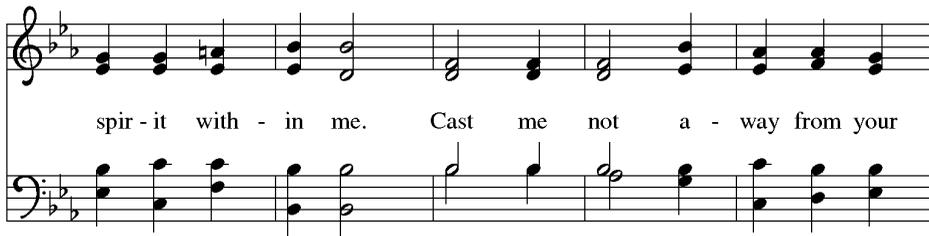
Worship Choir

***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

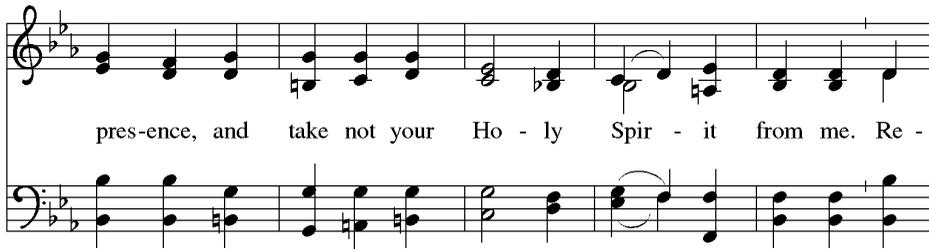
ELW 188



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

*A Theme by Thomas Tallis
(I heard the voice of Jesus Say) -Gerald Near*

Kirk Denton, organ

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)

*BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)

*HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

*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

"Toplady" (Rock of Ages) – Lee Hastings Bristol

Kirk Denton, organ

Servants in God's House

March 8, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Nancy Bybel (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)
Gene Appleby (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Ted Bybel (Sanctuary Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System & Livestream)

Servants in God's House

March 15, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Wayne Ahalt (Head Usher)
Ted Bybel (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)
9 a.m. (Sound System & Livestream)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Marc Antonio Ruger on his 3rd birthday, March 13, by mommee and daddee

The coffee and donuts are donated to the glory of God and in remembrance of Marc Antonio Ruger on his 3rd birthday, March 13, by mommee and daddee



Zion Prayer List 3-8-2026

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

Bingo K., Jack Remsberg, 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 Stottlemeyer, 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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