

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023***

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

# Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESION 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.**

### \*OPENING SONG

*Today is the Day*

Worship Team

### \*APOSTOLIC 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.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (📖 Amen.)

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever. R**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 9:1-41

*(after the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*SONG OF THE DAY**

*I Saw the Light*

Worship Team

**\*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 (℣ Amen.)**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.*

**OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC**

*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.*

Worship Team



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

**\*THE 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.**

**\*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**

## **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. 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 the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.*

### **COMMUNION SONG**

*Word of God Speak*

Worship Team

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

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (℣ Amen.)

**\*BENEDICTION** (℣ Amen.)

### **\*SENDING SONG**

*Lord Reign in Me*

Worship Team

### **\*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.**



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ralph and Florence Ropp, Edna Bidle, Martin and Joellen Van Westenberg, and Mike Van Westenberg;  
and in honor of our three kids, Mary, Earl and William Ropp.



### **Zion Prayer List 3-19-2023**

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

Melissa Given, Cheryl, Faye Greenawalt, Casey Newtown, Kathy Chaney, Jason Minnick, Linda Crummitt, Jackie Bello, Nancy Allen, Trish Tollefson, Nena Rhoderick, Ron Trusty, Bill Eisentrout, Clark Kline, Frances Eaves, Doris Taylor, Donna Musser, Dolores Para, Eric Kinna, Skippy Zimmerman, Helene Keefner, Sarah Danner, Pat Rudy, Melvin Smith, Harold "Bubby" Webber, Tom & Bonnie Remsberg, Matthew Schantz, Janet Young, John Bagent Jr., Evelyn Hawker, Sarah Gladhill, Wayne Smith, Bob Guyton, Anna Hough, Kathi Hayter, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Gene Appleby, 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.

**Servants in God's House**

**March 19, 2023**

**9 a.m.**

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)  
Patricia McMorrow (Lector)  
Eddie Main (Head Usher)  
Shelly Gladhill (Sanctuary Usher)  
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)  
Carolyn Milauskas (PowerPoint)  
Rick Milauskas (Sound System/Live Stream)

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Alyssa Minchoff (Greeter)  
Jennifer Witt (Lector)  
Gary Scott (Head Usher)  
Allison Masser (Sanctuary Usher)  
Alyssa Minchoff (Comm Asst)  
(PowerPoint)  
Glenn Baker (Sound System)

**Our Mission**

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we share Christ's love,  
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**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.



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