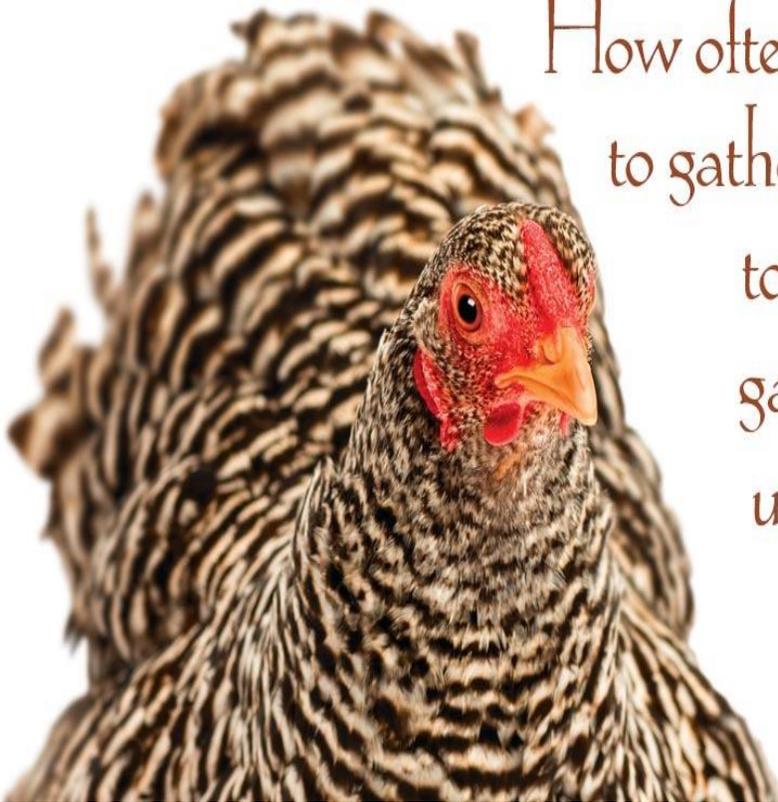


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



How often have I desired
to gather your children
together as a hen
gathers her brood
under her wings

LUKE 13:34

Introduction to the Day

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, please know that the restrooms are out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, up the ramp to the left, across that room, and down the hall to the offices on the right side before you get to the offices.

If you need the nursery, go out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, down the steps to the right, and through the door at the bottom of the steps to your right. It has a sign on it. There is a changing table and a rocker available there. The nursery is not staffed.

Communion Statement

The belief of this congregation is that participation in the Lord's Supper is the reception of "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166). We believe that "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166).

Prayers for before worship and before receiving communion can be found on page 72 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

At this service, communion is distributed continuously. When you come forward, you will be given a piece of bread to eat. If you need gluten-free bread, just ask. Then you move to the next person and you be given a small cup filled with wine to drink. If you need grape juice, just ask. Then you move to the next person and put the empty small cup in the tray.

Prayers for after receiving communion and after worship can be found on pages 72 and 73 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

May the Spirit bless our time of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Smith

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.

Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ☩ Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ***God Loved the World*** (ELW 323)

- 1 **God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.**

- 2 **Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.**

- 3 **If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.**

- 4 **Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.**

- 5 **All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!**

GREETING

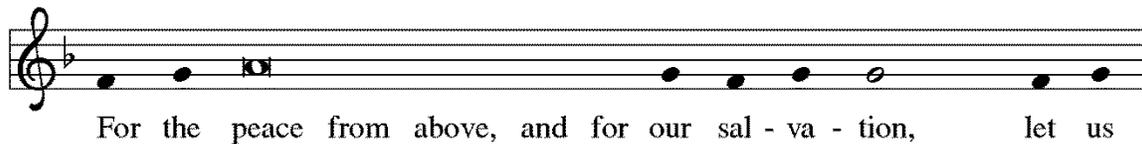
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



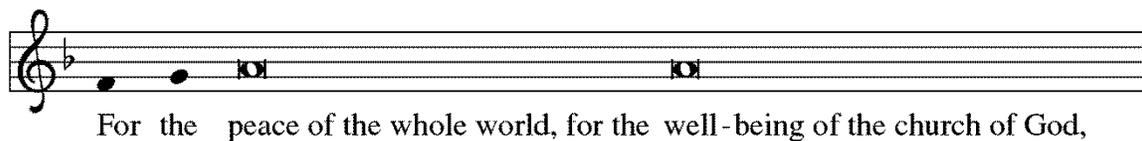
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



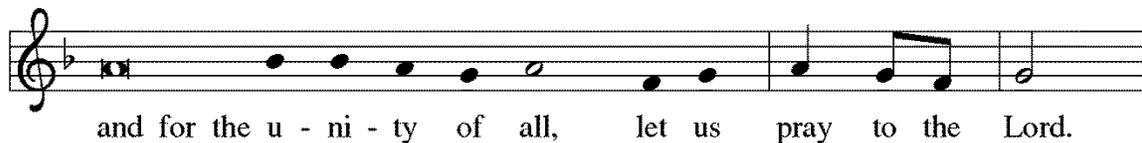
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



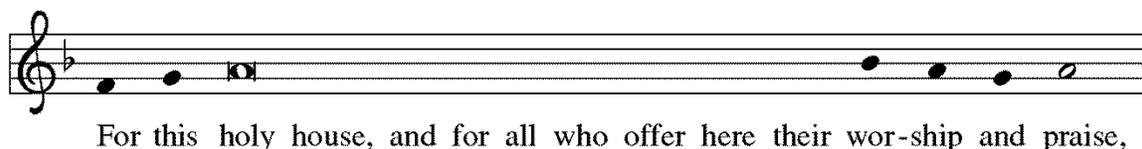
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



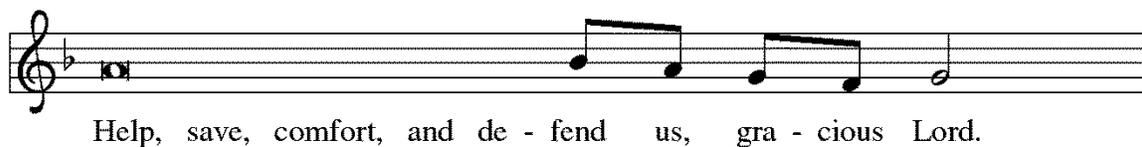
Lord, have mer - cy.



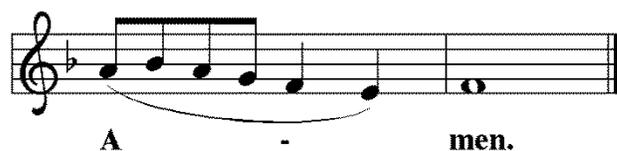
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

(10:30) CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Lord Is My Light* arr Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able

to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

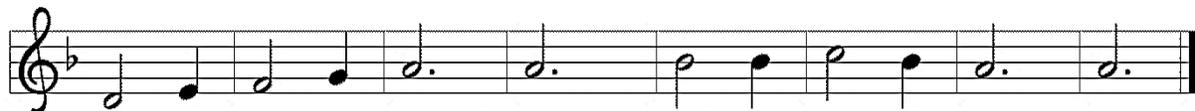
¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

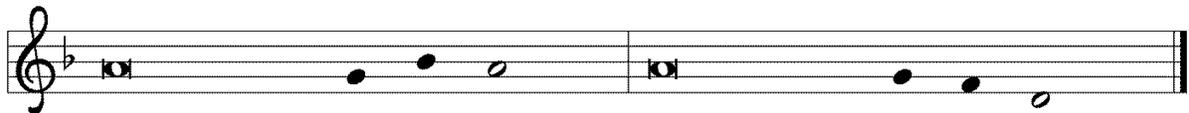
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

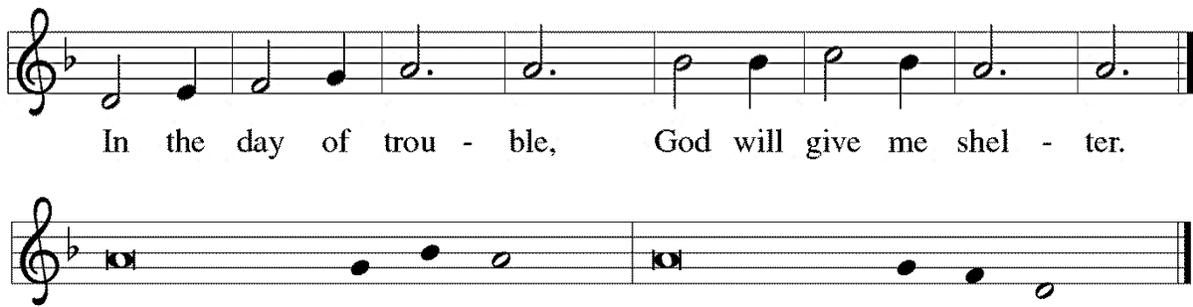


In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be
afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.



- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.
 Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
- ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
 my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek
 God | in the temple. **R**
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
 hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me
 high up- | on a rock.
- ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who
 surround me.
 Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices
 of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.
- ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
 have mercy on me and | answer me.
- ⁸My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
 Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. **R**
- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in
 anger.
 Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
 O God of | my salvation.
- ¹⁰Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
 the LORD will | take me in.
- ¹¹Teach me your | way, O LORD;
 lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- ¹²Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
 for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing
 violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD
in the land | of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD| and be strong.
Take heart and wait | for the LORD! **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

A reading from Philippians.

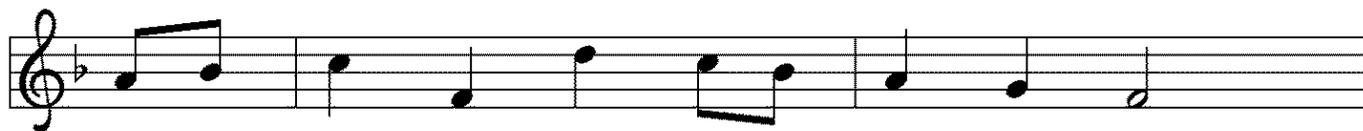
¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.

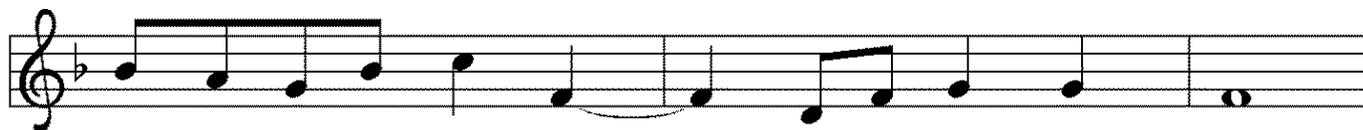
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (ELW 719)

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.**
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;**
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayer concludes:

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERTORY: *God So Loved the World* Strainer/Whitworth

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING HYMN:

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church (ELW 321)

- 1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here--the goal of all desire.**
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.**
- 3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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.

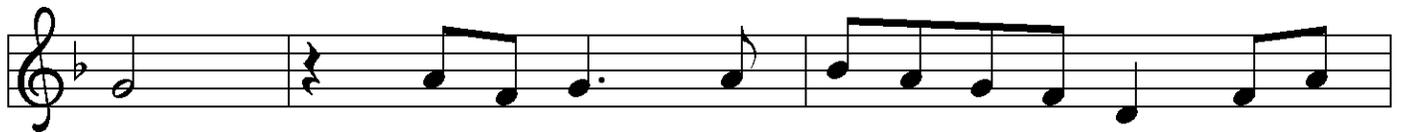
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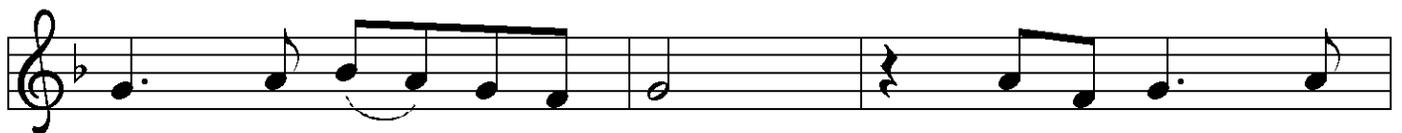
COMMUNION SONG



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



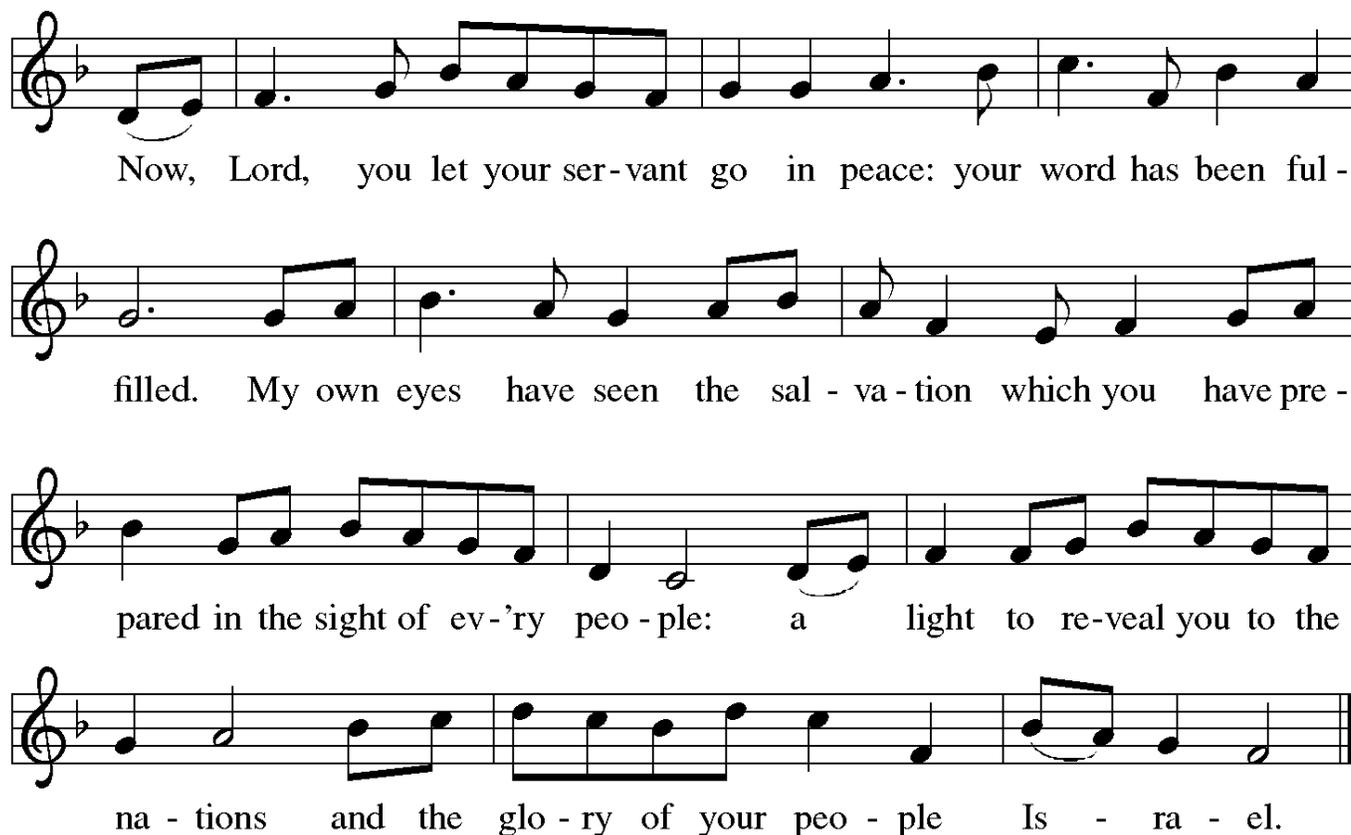
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ***Come to the Table*** (ELW 481)

**Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

Please stand.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION: ***Now Lord***



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

Please stand.

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow (ELW 327)

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.**
- 2 One the light of God's own presence
on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.**
- 3 One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun.
One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love forevermore.**

**4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.**

MISSION STATEMENT

We live as friends following Jesus.

We worship and work together across generations.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Wood

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Attendance/Offering

March 9-10th (210) General Fund Offering received \$5,143.57

Midweek General Fund received \$4,189.00

Weekly budgeted amount \$7,480.77

Total General Fund amount received \$9,332.57

Worship leaders today are:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

Assisting Minister: Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

Acolyte: (8:00) Emily Terry (10:30) Mylee Johnson

Crucifer:

Organist: Cathy Nye

Senior Choir Director: Ron Albert

Lector: (8:00) Mark Stuckey (10:30) Martha Thompson

Prayers of the People: (8:00) Betty Bickley (10:30) Ann Cerny

Children's Message: Marj Burton

Serving Bread: Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dick & Marlene Long

(10:30) Ron Dahs & Suzanne Jeffrey

Sound Board: (8:00) Dean Meyers (10:30) John Nejedly

Ushers: (8:00) Darlene Lowery, Tom Wieber, John Chapman,
Janet Stradtman, Sharon Lavey, and Dawn McKillips
(10:30) Alan & Juanita Mitchell, Jeff Pollack, Bill Bossetti,
and Julie Kessler

Gathering Hosts: (8:00) Jim & Jeanette Toft

(10:30) Jeannie Johnson

Greeters: Chet Leser

Altar Guild: Cindy Schwab



One side vase is given by **Barb Wyatt** in loving memory of her husband, **Jim**, on his birthday. One side vase is given by **Irma Nimrichter** in memory of her brother, **George**. The center vase is given in honor of the 90th birthday of Doris Suman by her **family**.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18,
Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER:

- Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Tuesday by Noon.
- April Zionews Deadline: Wednesday, March 20th

CARE & SHARE VOLUNTEERS FOR MONDAY, March 18th:

Ron & Carol Albert and Roger & Barb Newton



To view the full calendar of events and the current weekly announcements please visit our website at Zionsandusky.org

Sunday, March 17

8:00/10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Children of Zion-of all ages
9:15 am First Communion Exploration
5:00 pm EPIC
6:30 pm Pathfinders
8:00 pm Dartball Setup

Monday, March 18

12:00 pm Shared Ministry Board Meeting-St. Paul
5:30 pm Temple Caretakers
7:00 pm Firelands Chorus
7:00 pm FLAME Board Mtg-St. Johns
7:00 pm Dartball Tournament-Zion

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am Quilters
12:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Pastor Eric-Mr. Smith's
1:00 pm Lectionary Study - Mr. Smith's Coffee House
6:00 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg.
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine
6:15 pm New Members Class
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

Wednesday, March 20 **Zionews Deadline**

7:30 am Lectionary Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Lenten Lunch

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am Card Making
5:30 pm Cherub Choir
6:00 pm Year of Scripture with Carolyn
6:15 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Friday, March 22

Church Office is Closed

Saturday, March 23

6:00 pm Worship

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Eric. L. Bodenstab Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt
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Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission (FLAME)

Our 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday over WLEC 1450 AM