

# Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

First Sunday in Lent

# Welcome

## Yet we must not despair if we are not quickly rid of the temptation. In fact, we must never assume that we shall have relief from temptation as long as we live. We must accept temptation as nothing else but an incentive and admonition to prayer, fasting, watching, laboring, and to the other disciplines to subdue the flesh, especially to the practice and exercise of faith in God. For that is no great chastity which enjoys peace and quiet. Real chastity is the kind which does battle with impurity, struggles against it, and unceasingly drives out all the poison injected by the flesh and the devil. Those who think they can check temptation by yielding to it only arouse themselves all the more. And even if the temptation lets up for a time, it still comes back stronger at another time and finds their nature weaker than before.

Martin Luther, Treatise on Good Works, AE 44:106

## **Before Service Prayer**

O God, by whose Spirit we are led into the wilderness of trial, grant that, standing in your strength against the powers of darkness. we may so win the victory over all evil suggestions that with singleness of heart we may ever serve you and you alone; through him who was in all points tempted as we are, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- P indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. C indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold** print.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

#### A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.

- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



#### Divine Service, Setting Three

#### The Preparation

#### **Processional Hymn**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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#### Stand

#### Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Confession of Sins and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16

- When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*
  I will rescue him and | honor him.
- With long life I will sat- | isfy him\* and show him my sal- | vation.
- P He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress," my God, in whom I trust."
- P Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*
  the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*
  no plague come | near your tent.
- You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*
  the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

- When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*
  I will rescue him and | honor him.
- With long life I will sat- isfy him\* and show him my sal- vation.

Kyrie! God, Father LSB 942





sin-ful world with glad - ness.

E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 3:1-21

The Old Testament reading for The First Sunday in Lent is from Genesis, the third chapter.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said. "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust,

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

and to dust you shall return."

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 91:11-12

- P He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

The Epistle Reading is from Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth It is a blessed thing to know that no power on earth, no temptation, no human frailty can dissolve what God holds together.

> Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison, p. 43

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and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

#### Hymn of the Day

#### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God LSB 656





Sermon

The Good News of Christ FOR You!

Matthew 4:1-11



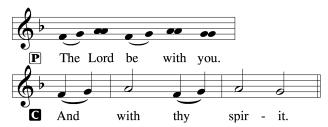


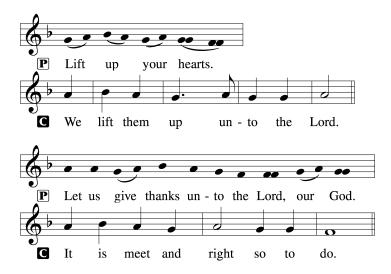
#### Prayer of the Church

- P Lord in Your Mercy,
- C Hear our Prayer

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





#### **Proper Preface**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. [...] Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 195

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

 You know how we ask God in the Lord's Prayer not to lead us into temptation.<sup>9</sup> Well, I think He honors that best when we don't go marching into temptation ourselves.

> Lauren F. Winner, Girl Meets God, p. 68

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

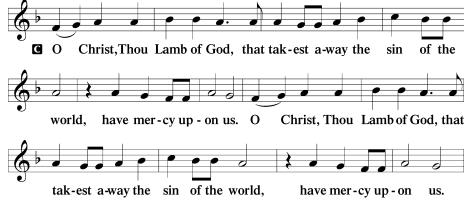
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

forever and ever. Amen.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

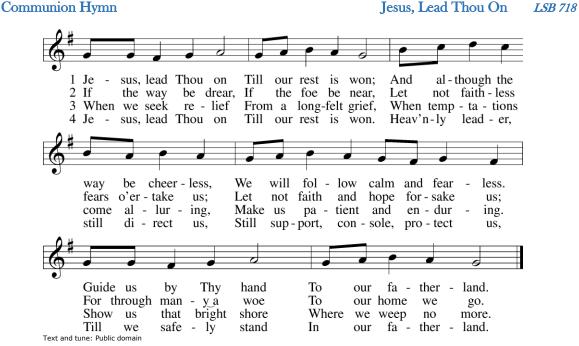


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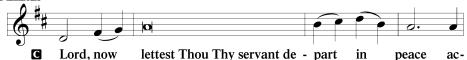
We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.



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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

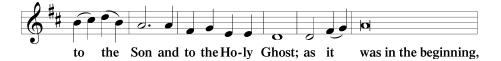














Thanksgiving LSB 200

P Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



Post-Communion Collect LSB 201

P Let us pray. [...]



#### Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

**P** The Lord be with you.



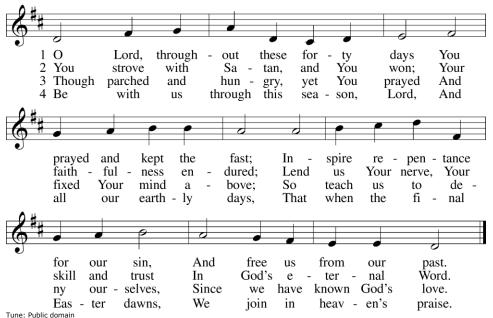
**P** Bless we the Lord.



The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord makes His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and H give you peace.



Sit



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# The Prayers of the Church

#### Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea Afghanistan Somalia Libya Pakistan

#### Partner Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya

#### Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Amy Villalobos (sister-in-law of Katie)
Glenda Schrock
Bob Allen
Susan Allen
David Knoerschild
Peggy Flatt (friend of Susan Colles)
Angela Jones (friend of Phyllis Campbell)
Elizabeth Sharp (friend of Phyllis Campbell)
Bo Rowe
Barbara Smith
Astasha Lamar
John Kuretsch
Joe Fabry (relative of Dave Boswell)

Mary Standridge (friend of Delores McDaniel)

Joyce Mendenhall (friend of Susan Colles)
Dave Sheely (brother of Linda Shott)

Edmond Drittler (friend of Delores McDaniel)

#### Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn Betty Bocksnick Nettie Grant Gwen Hale Tom Harms Kenneth Hottinger Sr. Helen Rick Glenda Schrock Lawrence Steuber

#### Catechumens

Emmett Schlittenhart Gavin Rion Tatum Rion Alison Waldo Alivia Waldo Chance Paylor

#### Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers Matthew Allen Brian Rutledge Trent Hale Josh Imme Dale Ozment

When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Ralston anytime at 501-454-0581.

# Zife Ogether



## First Sunday in Lent February 21, 2021

# The Fruits of Our Faith 2/14/2021

Worship Attendance: 49 Adult Sunday School: 5 Children's Sunday School: N/A

General Fund: \$1,135.05

#### Lenten Midweek

Our midweek Lenten series is over the book of Hebrews, titled, "Christ our Priest Today, Yesterday, and Forever." Lenten midweek services begin this Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Easter Lilies**

It is time to start putting in orders for Easter Lilies! Flowers are \$8 each. Orders need to be put in before March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet in the back. Please help us adorn the chancel in celebration of the Risen Christ or in memory of loved ones!

#### **Council Meeting**

There is a council meeting this Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

#### Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we encourage you to still send in offerings. During this time, it's important to remember that we are borrowers, not owners, of everything we have. The Lord generously gives us means to support us in this life. Yet, he also expects "tithes and contributions" (Malachi 3:8) to be made to Him. By so doing, you are spiritual discipling yourself, demonstrating where your heart's treasures are. Jesus says, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve God and money." (Matthew 6:21, 24).

Offerings can be made to the following PO Box address:

Zion Lutheran Church PO Box 327 Dover, AR 72837

Pick-up pre-stamped envelopes in the Narthex.

#### **Every Member Visitation**

Since COVID started, Pastor has not been able to complete his visits to the home of every congregation member. If you like to go ahead and have your visit with pastor, please sign up on the sheet in the back with your name, date, and time. Pastor will call to confirm with you.

#### **Fall Fest Meeting**

Our Fall Fest meeting is re-scheduled for this Thursday at 6:00 PM.



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# The Reverend Joshua Ralston Pastor

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# If calling for a Pastoral Emergency, contact Pastor Ralston directly:

Cell	501-454-0581
Church	479-331-3277

#### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

#### Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

#### Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

#### **Pastoral Consultation**

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

#### Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

# Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 10:15 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

#### Listen to Lutheran Radio

**Listen:** Issues, Etc. is talk-radio for the thinking Christian. Listen 24/7 at www.IssuesETC.org *The Lutheran Hour* is broadcast on KARV 610 AM/101.3 FM every Sunday at 7:30AM.