

# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Welcome



#### Before Service Prayer

*Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.*

*For All the Saints, 2:423*

Some will receive of Jesus' might and His justice, others of His gentleness and life-engendering care, as was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are young" (40:10-11). Jesus leads. He goes on ahead; leading to the more He always has in store for us. He was a whole lot more than John imagined or was ready to accept [...]. Repentance is the stripping away of everything that closes Jesus in, of everything that is unwilling to risk His being more for you. Instead, you are open, receiving of Him who is always on ahead, more. This Advent spend some time in the wilderness, stripped of all frills and phoniness, stripped down to what is basic, naked - naked toward Him who comes. His Baptism gives who He is and what is His to do. Jesus has His time in the wilderness. His heart goes out to those in the wilderness with Him. He feeds them with his words of life and truth. When a boy gives up his lunch, He feeds them with those loaves and fish. With bread and wine He bodies and bloods us with Himself. As it goes with Jesus, so it goes with us - as real as death, as real as life, His and ours, together.

**Norman Nagel**, *Selected Sermons*  
of Norman Nagel, p. 18-21

March 19, 2023 ✠ 10:00 AM

## **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 *bold, italic 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 One*

## The Preparation

Processional Hymn

*Savior, like a Shepherd lead us*

*LSB 711*

*Stand*

Invocation

*LSB 151*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a*

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be | satisfied\*  
from her con- | soling breast.
- P** I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”
- C** Our feet have been | standing\*  
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
- P** Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*  
May they be secure who | love you!
- C** For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake\*  
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”
- C** 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.
- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be | satisfied\*  
from her con- | soling breast.

Kyrie

*LSB 152*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 156*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

*Exodus 16:2-21*

The Old Testament reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, the sixteenth chapter.

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever

gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 122:1,7*

**P** I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C** Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:41-47*

The Epistle Reading is from Acts, the second chapter.

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Stand*

## Return to the Lord (Lenten Verse)

*LSB 157*

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:1-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*    *LSB 743*

Sermon

*Eat as the Lord Gives*

*All Texts*

*Stand*

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

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



*If you were able to make satisfaction by yourself, if by your contrition and sorrow you were able to absolve sins, then for what purpose did Christ descend from heaven and labor for so long under the weight of the cross?*

Johann Gerhard, *Handbook of Consolations*, p. 17

### Blessing of the Offerings

Offertory

*LSB 159*

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

*LSB 160*

Proper Preface

Sanctus

*LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 162*

Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

Distribution

*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.*

*The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?*

<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b><i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i></b>	<b><i>LSB 641</i></b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b><i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i></b>	<b><i>LSB 636</i></b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b><i>Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy</i></b>	<b><i>LSB 774</i></b>
<b>Thank the Lord</b>		<b><i>LSB 164</i></b>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>		<b><i>LSB 164</i></b>
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b><i>I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus</i></b>	<b><i>LSB 729</i></b>



# ✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

## Serving in the Divine Service

### **PREACHER**

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

### **ORGANIST**

Susan Colles

### **ACOLYTE**

Ellie Kuretsch

### **USHERS**

Dave Boswell, Rusty Dorn,  
Robert Sims, Joe Grant

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Chyral Sims, Angela Waldo

### **ELDER**

Randy LaMar

### **TRUSTEE**

Robert Sims

# The Prayers of the Church

## Persecuted Christians in:

Central African Republic

Algeria

Turkmenistan

Mali

Mauritania

## Partner Church

Evangelical Lutheran

Church of England

## Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Kelsi Letson & family (*friends of the Waldos*)

Ronda Stocking (*friend of Wanda Choate*)

Michael Ragsdale (*cousin of Angela Waldo*)

Dewey Boxnick (*friend of the Waldo's*)

Donna Ward (*sister-in-law of Pattie Ward*)

Tracie Williamson (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)

Ricky McCurrie & family (*friends of Tanya Schroeder*)

Rev. Andrew Johnson & family (*friends of Tanya Schroeder*)

Alliene Turner (*cousin of Ron Hairston*)

Marty Cook (*mother of Taylor Cox*)

Lon & Jody Schlittenhart (*parents of Jeff Schlittenhart*)

Jonathan Henshel (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)

Tina Found (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)

Frank Russenberger

Suzan Steuber (*mother of Angela Waldo*)

Kristen Brown (*friend of Earl Schrock*)

Lucas Bachman (*student of Katie Villalobos*)

## For Those Who Mourn

Family and friends of Dorothy Birkhahn

## Continued Prayers

Landell Aday (*friend of Greg Kremers*)

Josh Dodson (*brother of Tasha Schlittenhart*)

Elizabeth Sharp, Tami Robinson, Debbie

Keeling (*friends of Phyllis Campbell*)

Tracy Boswell (*sister-in-law of Barbara Smith*)

Alissa Wicker & Jace (*friends of Katie Villalobos*)

Jesse Lea (*brother of Wanda Choate*)

Keith Olson (*nephew of Linda Shott*)

Tom Battaglia (*friend of Ron Hairston*)

Korey Heath (*friend of Zoe Ward*)

Mildred Greathouse (*grandmother of Tony Waldo*)

Rick Shott

## Homebound

Betty Bocksnick

Gwen Hale

Helen Riek

Glenda Schrock

Ray Roth

## Serving in the armed forces

Matthew Allen

Brian Rutledge

Trent Hale

Josh Imme

Dale Ozment

Hunter Greenfield

Abigail Manuel

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

# ZION Life Together



## Fourth Week in Lent March 19, 2023

### **The Fruits of Our Faith 03/12/2023**

Worship Attendance:	65
Children's Sunday School:	7
High School:	8
Adult Sunday School:	9
General Fund:	\$ 1,510.00
Weekly Need:	\$ 3,138.58
Food Pantry:	\$ 80.00
Fall Fest:	\$ 350.00

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Dave Boswell in memory of Joyce Boswell.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The Church Council will have its monthly meeting this Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

A Fall Fest planning meeting will follow at 7:00 PM. Please plan on attending!

### **Pastor on Vacation**

Pastor will be on vacation March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the elders if you have a pastoral emergency.

### **No Mid-Week Service This Week**

Remember to visit a sister Lutheran church this Wednesday for mid-week service!

St. John's, Russellville:

Soup supper - 5:30 PM

Vespers Service - 6:30 PM

River Valley Grace, Lamar:

Soup supper - 5:00 PM

Evening Service - 6:00 PM

### **Easter Candy**

The Board of Education is taking donations of candy for the yearly Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

### **Easter Lilies**

It's time to sign up to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn the altar during the Easter service! If you would like to participate, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

### **Camp Trinity Reminder**

It's time to register for Camp! If your child is planning to go this summer, please fill out a registration ASAP. Early-bird registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>! Please contact Diane Ragsdale for details concerning scholarships.



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## **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 9:00 a.m. 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](http://www.IssuesETC.org) *The Lutheran Hour* is broadcast on KARV 610 AM/101.3 FM every Sunday at 7:30AM.